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UN damns Ulster police intimidation

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A UNITED Nations report will stabulary of systematic "intimidation, hindrance and barassment" of lawyers representing .

It is to call for two independent inquiries - one into the alleged intimidation, and another continuing suspicions of security force collusion in his killing.

of which has been obtained by The Independent, was drawn up for the United Nations Hutair Frasier and RUC Chief man Rights Commission. It is Constable Romae Flanagan. expected to be presented to the Commission in Geneva this week, possibly today.

Its far-reaching criticisms will provide a significant challenge for the Government and. security forces, with its charges that the RUC systematically tar-

gets lawyers for intimidation. .. welcome the reopening of the der, which is regarded by many as a particularly murky case

It has already given rise to many accusations of co-operation between elements of the intelligence community and the loyalist grumen who killed him.

The report is the work of a distinguished Malaysian jurist, accuse the Royal Ulster Con- Param Cumaraswamy, who is the UN Human Rights Commission's special rapporteur on the independence of judges and republican and loyalist suspects. lawyers. His visit to Belfast last October was the first ever visit to Ulster by a UN rapporteur.

The Government may well into the 1989 murder of Belfast . be disappointed that he delivsolicitor Pat Finucane, citing ered such serious criticisms despite being given unprecedented access to important figures such The report, an advance copy as the Lord Chief Justices of Britain and Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland DPP Alas-

> saying it fell short in terms of objectivity, accuracy and fairness. It added: "As a supposed factfinding mission, it gives scant regard to measurable facts or evidence to support allegations."

Mr Cumaraswamy reported The authorities will also not that he had spoken to a large number of solicitors and barquestion of the Finneaue mur- risters engaged in terrorist-related cases, all of whom, he said, had corroborated reports of within the loyalist underworld. harassment and intimidation.

Lawyers had complained that police regularly abused them. They also said that detectives often told clients during interrogations that their lawyers were working for paramilitary groups rather than for them as individuals.

Rosemary Nelson, who represents Colin Duffy, a wellknown republican, alleged she had been the victim of numerons death threats. She also accused an RUC officer of spitting on her face, and another of striking her on the back of the

The report said most lawyers believed making official complaints about such matters was futile since any investigation would be carried out by the RUCincif Is and Man The RUC last night re-sponded sharply to his report, hazard that they had come to expect and accept."

head with a riot shield.

The report cited statistics from the Independent Commission for Police Complaints. These indicated that in 1996, the lodging of 2,540 new cases of complaint bad resulted in disciplinary charges against 10 officers, only one of whom was found guilty of abuse of authority. The ICPC yesterday con-

firmed these figures were correct. Test for Labour, page 2



yesterday tiptoeing around one of the most sensatiunal accusations to have emerged from the tortuous investigation of President Bill Clinton's sex life: that in 1978, while attorney general of Arkansas, he raped woman and resorted to bribery and threats to cover

The accusation uf rape against Juanita Broaddrick, a nursing home supervisor, was contained in documents filed by lawyers for Paula Jones, the woman who is suing Mr Clinton for sexual barassment over an alleged incident in an Arkansas hotel room eight

The alleged rape is the subject of a letter written to the alleged victim by Ms Broaddrick's male friend, Phillip Yoakum, in 1992. In it, he refers back to your hrutal rape by Bill Clinton" and supplies graphic declothes off". He added, "He hit your lip until you gave into his forcing sex upon you."

Ms Junes's lawvers have produced the letter to support their case that their client's experience was part of a pattern of behaviour by Mr Clinton over many years.

While the letter brought into the open a rumour that has long circulated in President's home state of Arkansas, its contents

were widely treated as suspect. And Ms Broaddrick herself has said under oath that there was no such incident. Contacted by the Associated Press news agency at the weekend, she would make no comment. Her lawyer said there was "a vicious process" going on, and "we're

not going to get involved", The nuthor of the letter. meanwhile, was not to be found and so could not be asked why he was relating the sordid details of a alleged rape back tu the victim 14 years later.

While the President took time out from his Africa tour to view lions and elephants in Botswana, reporters back home have ignored the rape allegation or countered it immediately with the White House response that it was "outrageous and false".

NBC was the only US network to report the charge quickly and as a potential "sensation". The cable network, CNN, which - like several US channels - has held back from reporting anti-Clinton allegations since appearing to forecast the President's demise over sex tails, including "how you allegations two months ago, resisted until he ripped your did not mention the claim until yesterday.

The main broadsheet newspapers also steered around the issue. They are introducing the rape allegation as secondary to the less sensitive, though still damaging, claim of Ms Jones's lawyers, that the White House obstructed the course of justice by not producing tiers written by another of Ir Clinton's al-

leged victims, Kathleen Willey. Photograph, page II

Gary Glitter faces 50 child porn charges

By Rosa Prince

THE SINGER Gary Glitter was yesterday charged with 50 offences relating to child pornography. Glitter, 53, was charged under his real name, Paul Francis Gadd, after six hours of questioning at Staple: Hill police station, Bristol, and bailed to appear at Northavon nagistrates court on 18 May.

He is charged with 50 counts of making indecent pseudophotographs of children under the age of 16 years, contrary to section one of the Child Protection Act 1978. The charge relates to the downloading of child pornography from the Incamet, and carries a maximum enalty of three years' jail.

He is also charged with 50 alternative counts of possessing indecent photographs of children under the age of 16.



Gary Gitter: Questioned by police for six hours

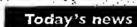
Glitter became known as the Comeback King, famous for such hits as: "Hello, Hello I'm Back Again" and "I'm the Leader of the gang (I am)." His solicitor, Henri Brandman, yesterday issued a statement denying the charges:

"Gary will be vigorously contesting these allegations. Since he has now been charged, neither he nor I will be making any further comment. He is in good spirits and I anticipate he will be continuing with his career."

Police began investigating Glitter in November after they were alerted by staff at a Bristol branch of PC World where the singer had taken his computer to be repaired.

Staff said indecent images of children had been downloaded from the Internet and stored on the machine. Glitter denied the allegations.

He went to the police station voluntarily yesterday after flying back into the country at the weekend. He had been living in Cuba since the end of his Christmas tour with his 25year-old girlfriend, Yudenia-Sosa Martinez



Rolls-Royce taken over by BMW

ROLLS-ROYCE, the loxnry car-maker that has been a symbol of British prestige for nearly a century, passed into German hands yesterday. BMW, which already owns Rover, is buying Rolls for £340m, more than double the book value.



trigger national emergency

Boxer Jane Couch, known as the Fleetwood Assassin, has won her sex discrimination

battle against the boxing authorities A proud moment, page 3 Photograph: John Gichigi/Allsport

and Louise Jury THE millennium bug computer crisis might have to be treat-Page 3, 19 ed as a civil emergency from the

'Road rage' hearing

A MOTORIST who boasted to police that he was "the best driver ever" killed a young couple instantly by shunting their car out of his way and into the path of an oncoming vehicle, a court was told yesterday. Page 3

arrives at the turn of the century. Millions of inter-linked computer systems could crash and many are already betraying problems. "The problem is tickend of next year, the Prime Mining away simultaneously inside ister warned yesterday. many computers, mainframes Announcing the package of and electronic systems all over the world," he warned.

"bug-busting" measures disclosed in yesterday's Indepen-Mr Blair said there were dent, Tony Blair told a London parts of the national infrastructure that were vital to conference that the economy would slow down as companies everyday life, "whether the gas, diverted resources to cope with water and electricity companies, computer breakdowns and the Benefits Agency or the some companies would go bust. transport system. These are He also disclosed that he had the parts of the infrastructure

received a warning from Niall that we cannot afford to fail in FitzGerald, chairman of the next two years." Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch con-He said it would be "foolglomerate, "that it could cause hardy" not to prepare for the possibility of failures, but added: With computers working on "There are well-established safety net arrangements for coping with civil emergencies. We will two-digit years, like 98, many

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major problems which could be caused by the millennium bug." The Independent has been being adapted to make sure that

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essential users get essential fuel, power and food supplies. The Prime Minister said yesterday that much work had already been done, but he warned that some hospitals and local authorities were being left behind. "Without careful preparation there could be ma-

jor disruption to essential gov-

ernment services," he said. Don Cruickshank, chairman of the Action 2000 campaign, said last night: "All the public services - like air traffic control, telecommunications, power generation - have their forms of emergency planning. But they all need to be adapted to deal with

between 1900 and 2000 when 00 make sure that they are prop- the special features of the milerly geared up to deal with any lennium bug, and brought together into a cross-the-economy contingency plan."

Mr Blair's warnings were untold that civil defence plans are derlined by the NHS Confederation of Health Authorities and Trusts, which said the Government had to find extra cash to deal with the problem, or patient care would suffer. The bill to the NHS was estimated at between £500m and £6bn, but no extra moncy was being provided.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, said; "tf Tuny Blair wants to show that he understands the magnitude of this problem, then he should tell Gordon Brown to allocate money from the Contingency Reserve to helping local authorities, the NHS and the Ministry of Defence tackle these problems."

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first half of 1997.

Unions tell Blair to deliver on recognition

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

UNION leaders last night said they were confident that the Government would keep its side of the bargain and deliver a workable law on union recog-

Despite deep concern in the labour movement that the Prime Minister was leaning towards helping employers, John Monks, TUC General Secretary is today expected to give an "upbeat" account of discussions na

Union sources said, however, that there were still issues to be resolved and that there would be a further meeting tomorrow with Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, and more discussings with Trany

Mr Monks led an eight strong delegation of union leaders at talks with Mr Blair in Downing Street yesterday, but union and government sources said the session was routine and had been arranged for some time.

The TUC said both sides had acknowledged at the outset of the hnur-lnng meeting that recognition was not on the agenda, Union officials said the "good-natured" discussions had centred on the issues of social partnership in Europe, the New Deal programme for the young jobless and the whole Welfare to Work strategy adopted by the Government.

TUC officials said they were confident that the Fairness at Work White Paper, which would set out the Government's intentions on recognition, would be published late next month or the contents of the document on ming 6 May, but insisted it had received no official call for a re- conciliation service Acas, urged

The White Paper, particularly the clauses on union recognition, will form a defining moment in the historic relationship between the Labour Party and the unions which founded it. Some trade unionists will argue for a withdrawal of financial backing from the party if the document comes down too far on the side of the

One of the key points on the subject of recognition will be the rules surrounding balints among employees. Some ministers have been arguing for a threshold of participation in such ballots of between 50 and 70 per cent.

Some trade unionists are also concerned that the Government will allow the emplayers to decide the workplace constituencies for such votes making it difficult for unions to win representation.

While most union leaders kept their own counsel, Tony Young, Joint General Secretary nf the Communication Workers' Union, warned of a "significant reactinn' from the uning movement if the Govexnment did nnt provide a satisfactory solution.

Ian Davidson, leader of the trade union group of MPs, said that the vast majority of his colleagues saw Fairness at Work as one of the most important manifest commitments.

"We went to the electorate on a clear unequivocal indication that [there was] going to be fairness at work, that we were going to be providing legislation for recognition.

"Now the vast majority of the Parliamentary Labor ty do not want to see that wacarly in May. The TUC plans a tered down by any sort of special conference to discuss fudge or compromise or trim-

John Hougham, chairman of



On target: Models Jacob Apiafi, Sophie Dahl (centre) and Natalle Margolles with the fashion world's campaign for Breakthrough Breast Cancer yesterday Photograph John Voos

Surgery raises ethical question

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

THE LIMITS to which people will go in the interests of medical science are to be tested in an extreme trial of a new treatment for Parkinson's disease.

Thirty six patients have volunteered to have boles drilled in their skulls although only half of them will get the treatment - a transplant of brain cells taken from pig foctuses. The untreated group will have the

Ethics experts described the depressions drilled in their study last night as an example of "scientific fetishism".

The trial has been designed to test the effectiveness of transplanting foetal pig brain cells into people in the advanced stages of the disease. The nntreated group will act as controls against which the progress of the

treated group can be measured. Over the next few months, surgeons will drill the holes; the size of a small coin, and implant by some senior trade unionists. its proposits for recognition law. | but will finish up with nothing brains of half the patients. The it is not good science."

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more than a hole in the head. remaining half will have small skulls. The patients will have no way of knowing whether they have received the pig cells or not.

The study is being conducted by Diacrin, a biomedical company based in Boston,

which said the risks were small But Jason Karlawish of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania said: "It is just to see if people respond to having their heads drilled. This is scientific fetishism

RUC attack tests Labour on human rights

By David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

THE United Nations report which accuses the Royal Ulster Constabulary of systematic intimidation of lawyers, and major test of the Government's attitude towards human rights questions in Northern Ireland.

In the past the standard response of the RUC and Conservative governments was to react sharply and even combatively to such criticisms from human rights missions. Yes-terday the police stuck in their familiar attitude, declaring: "Sadly, this report represents a significant missed opportunity to address openly and without prejudice claims of abuse and harassment by police of a minority of the province's lawyers and their clients."

The question is whether abour will follow suit or take a different tack. The new document is the latest in a long line of reports from legal and human rights organisations expressing disquiet about the assassination of Mr Finucane, a Belfast solicitor who bandled many republican cases, who was shot lead in February 1989.

While the report puts forward no new evidence about the case, it signals continuing concerns in international human rights circles about the incident. The report states: publican, Pat McGeown. "Outstanding questions surrounding the murder demonstrate the need for an independent judicial inquiry. So Finucane or Pat McGeown. long as this murder is unresolved, many in the community will continue to lack confidence in the ability of the Government to dispense justice in a fair and equitable manner."

Mr Finucane was shot by Ulster Defence Association, the case. The DPP said there guomen at his north Belfast was insufficient evidence to home. A high-profile Belfast - warrant any prosecution in the solicitor, he had appeared in a case, while Mr Stevens said that number of important cases involving IRA suspects.

prominent republican activists, did not endear him to the security forces. Allegations began immediately after the shooting. A number of Belfast solicitors claimed detectives questioning loyalist paramilitaries had syswants the Pat Finucane murder tematically "bad-mouthed" Mr case reopened, will provide a Finucane and other solicitors, alleging they were members of the IRA. Loyalist paramilitary sources bore this out.

More information seeped out during the prosecution of Brian Nelson, the UDA intelligence officer who, it emerged, had also functioned as an army agent. The most prominent of the UDA's victims during the Nelson period was Mr Finucane.

In a journal which he wrote while in prison, Nelson recorded that he told the army a prominent UDA assassin had asked him for information on Mr Finucane. He wrote: Some two manths befare the actual shoot took place I was asked by R- to see what I could dig up nn Finucane. At the time I informed my handlers that R-was showing interest in this solicitor.

"A few weeks later I inquired from R-- if he still wanted me to check on him. I was told by R- that he had found out what he needed to know." Three days before the murder, R-asked Nelson for a magazine which contained a photograph of Mr Finucane together with a prominent re-

There may have been confusion at this point over whether the UDA intended to kill Mr

The report's author raised the case with Chief Constable Flanagan, the Northern Ireland Director of Public Prosecutions and senior English policeman John Stevens, who conducted an investigation into since his report was now the property of the RUC and the This together with his fam- Northern Ireland Office he

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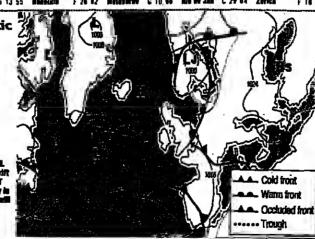
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WHY do we tend to remember the summers of our youth as more summery, and the winters as more wintry, than the ones of today? One possibility is that our

childhood memories are based on sound meteorological data. The very old might just recall the glorious summer of 1911. Those a little younger could well have their youthful memories of cloudless days at the beach enhanced by a run of unisually warm summers in 1947, 1949, 1955 and 1959. Then there were the heatwaves of 1975 and 1976, which have been etched into the childhood memories of today's thirtysomethings (tnmorrow's thirtysomethings could well be talking about the record-breaking beatwave of 1990).

As far as winters go, the gen-

eral consensus is that there is far less snow around than there used to be. Indeed, between 1987 and 1992 no snow at all fell in many parts of southern England. But in 1993, much of southern Britain had its first white Christmas for 23 years.

Obvinusly, we tend to remember extremes of beat and cold rather than washout summers and warm winters. Whn recalls the mild winter nf 1988/89? Or the wet summer of 1980? As Rohin Stirling points out in The Weather of Britain, we may have a distorted view of childhood climate for a number of reasons. First, until fairly recently, houses in Britain tended nnt to be centrally heated and we tended to spend a lot more time out of doors. So cold winters would have impinged on nur conscinusness far more

Second, children are often highly tolerant to cold -so that "hnt sunny" day on the beach you remember may well have been a rain-lashed nightmare for your poor parents huddled under a hlanket on the deckchairs. Finally, and simply, children are short. So the snow will have seemed deeper.

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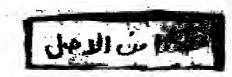
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'Driver used rally skill to kill couple'

By Ian Burrell

A MOTORIST who boasted to police that he was "the best driver ever" killed a young couple instantly by shunting their car out of his way and into the path of an oncoming vehicle on a a bump. Mr Gill heard the dual carriageway, a court was told vesterday.

Jason Humble, an amateur rally driver for 15 years, failed to stop his powerful former police car, a Vauxhall Senator. after the accident, even though it must have been obvious something serious had happened, the Old Bailey was told.

The crash that killed Toby Exley, 22, and his girlfriend, Karen Martin, 20, at Hanworth, west London, last October prompted a major police hunt for the following car and press speculation that the accident was the work of a hitman, or was drug-related, David Perry, for the prosecution, told the jury: not been responsible for causing "But the truth was it was point- Mr Exley to lose control," less and random and not connected with drug dealing or hit

car was seen by a motorcyclist best driver ever." He told poto strike the couple's black Ford Fiesta three times in the rear. "Toby Exley and Karen Martin died because the defendant became impatient with flashed him once or twice. them. He used his skill as a driver - if skill it was - to nudge their car ont of the way."

Mr Humble, 33, unemployed, of Farnborough, Hampalso pleads not guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

The motorcyclist, Brian Gill, 40, a teacher of north London, smoke came out. It went off

sideways," be told the court. According to the prosecution, the Fiesta turned almost 90 degrees across the central reservation barrier, into the

path of another driver

"It was more of a push than squeal of tyres. He saw the defendant's car pull back and drive up again, making contact a second time," Mr Perry said. "Then it pulled back before accelerating forward again, striking it in the rear."

The identity of the other car and its driver remained a mystery for more than two weeks, Mr Perry said. When Mr Humble was eventually arrested 17 days later, he admitted that he had been the driver but denied deliberately using his car to force the other car on to the oncoming carriageway. "He said there was a minute possibility the vehicles had touched but he had

Asked whether he was driving dangerously, Mr Humble nen." allegedly told police: "Ab-He said that Mr Humble's solutely not. I think I am the lice that Mr Exley had cut him up on a roundabout and was driving like "a prat". He said he sat behind him for a while and

The Fiesta braked, forcing him to brake. Mr Humble allegedly said he thought Mr Exley was deliberately blocking himand was "pissed off". He had not shire, denies manslaughter. He stayed at the scene nor report it because he was fearful.

Tests on Mr Exley after the crash showed traces of a product of cocaine in his urine and said that the Fiesta was pushed. " traces of cannabis in his blood. "There was a screaming noise" But a blood-alcohol test was from the tyres and a lot of negative the court was told. The case continues.



Riding high: The Spirit Of Ecstasy, designed by Charles Sykes and first used by Rolls-Royce in 1911, on a 1954 Silver Dawn at Rolls-Royce service provider P&A Wood Of Great Easton, Essex Photograph: Brian Harris

NINE OF THE BEST

DRIVING ABROAD Ownership of the bulk of

Britain's motor industry has long since been handed to foreign since been handed to foreign concerns: Japun, Aston March and Rover, are long gone; leav-ing only quirky specialists such an apoeticar companies EVR, 18 Degar and Caterham in British Ownership, Rolls Royce, can take

that a Rolls carried Held Marshal Monogomery around Europe in the Second World War.

LAWRENCE'S GEM Perhaps the firm's most memorable accolade came when Lawrence of Arabia drove into Damascus in a Rolls in the First World War and said: "A Rolls in the desert is above rubles".



Frederick Royce

End of an era as Spirit of Ecstasy finds a foreign owner

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

WHAT'S in a name? In the case of Rolls-Royce, the answer is at least £190m. Yesterday's sale of Britain's premier car marque to BMW saw the nation's last serious car maker pass

into foreign hands. Valued by Vickers - its present owners - at £150m, BMW bought Crewe's "Spirit of Ecstasy" for £340m. Notable owners have included the Queen, Mao Tse-tung, John Lennon, Charlie Chaplin and Noel Gal-

BMW, which already owns Rover and Land Rover and the Mini and the MG marques, has long hankered after the silvery presence of Rolls-Royce. It beat off a number of other bid- can be little doubt that Gerders, including Volkswagen. Such was the glamour of owning Rolls-Royce that many deep-pocketed tycoons, said to manic business sense. Mr Pisinclude Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone and Mohamed Al Fayed, took out their to treble sales to 5,000 a year. calculators to see if they could afford it.

But none could match BMW's financial clout, At the executive, Graham Morris, said Geoeva Motor Show earlier the company was looking forthis year Bernd Pischetsrieder, the chairman, promised to pump £1bn into two new model lines in the next decade if BMW took over.

Industry experts say the first to emerge could be a baby Bentley based on the prototype Java, showcased in 1994. It was a marked departure from Rolls's image of the stuffy British style. The four-seater coupé came with a clip-on roof but what it lacked on top it made up for uoder the bonnet. Its 3.5-litre engine was designed to catapult the car to 60mph in comfortably cruise at 170mph. tried to buy the business.

Rolls-Royce, founded by the

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ROLLS-ROYCE

engineer Henry Royce and the Hon Charles Stewart Rolls, bas come a long way since the first "Roycer" trundled out in 1904. Two years later came "the best car in the world" - the Silver Ghost - and the Rolls-Royce that the rich know was born.

Last month the latest model - the Silver Scrapb - was unveiled and modestly described as "the dawn of a new era".

Rolls-Royce remains indisputably British - its production line will stay at Crewe. But there many's gain is Britain's loss. BMW hopes to match British engineering brilliance with Gerchetsrieder said it could make 30 per cent savings and aimed

For those on the shopfluur. the rising tide of globalism was welcomed. Rolls-Royce's chief ward to the millennium. "Everybody recognises this is a global economy. In some ways it's sad we've moved out of British hands, but there was no real British alternative."

Others were less sanguine. "The rape of British industry by BMW is systematically going ahead. People say we live in a giobal village. Every village has a chief and its poor man. Is Britain heading towards becoming the poor man of the global village?" said Donald Longmore, secretary of the Rolls-Royce Acquisitioo Confive seconds and the Java could sortium, a group of fans which

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Leading film directors join forces in battle over fees

By Paul McCann Media Correspondent

THE film directors Alan Parker, Mike Leigh, Neil Jordan and Stanley Kubrick bave joined forces with directors of television programmes such as Cracker and Heartheat to demand repeat fees for their films.

The Directors' Rights Campaign has signed up the top 1,000 makers of films and television programmes in the United Kingdom to demand that their fees take account of repeats. Director Alan Parker: 'It is video releases, overseas sales time we made a stand' and sales of their programmes to satellite and cable channels.

contracts that give them extra



Mr Parker, director of Angel At the moment, actors and Heart and The Commitments, writers are paid a fee for their and current president of the original work on a programme, British Film Institute, is a leadbut also have contracts that give ing member of the campaign: them extra money if a pro- "As new technologies allow our gramme is sold on or shown film and television work to be over and over again. Now, with shown more and more ways the boom in television channels around the world, we are crazy same treatment. They also want the considerable and continued exploitation of our work. The ices when a film does well or is UK is totally backward and out of step in recognising our rights, losing ont by this shoddy treat-

lective stand." The directors' campaign

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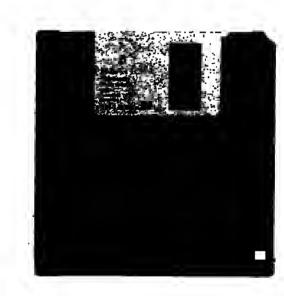
creative talent in British tele- er rewards for what we do." visioo demands a bigger share of the rewards from the industry. The independent producalliance, Pact, is such as the BBC, ITV and ownership of the programmes they make so they can make sales. Actors are also in a hat-

pearing in television campaigns that are shown repeatedly. joined the campaign because he had made the series in the as a subsidiary. Bectu, which bedirectors are demanding the not to insist on benefiting from United States, where directors lieves the plans will lead to get a share of the proceeds, be would have been able to retire

and it is time we made a col-ment, which is simply oot acceptable," he says. "As the number of channels increases, it essential that we receive prop-

The Directors' Rights Campaign plans to lobby next week's Audio-Visual Summit in Birmingham when beads of the film campaigning for broadcasters and television industries will meet under the aegis of the Channel 4 to give producers British Presidency of the European Union. The campaign also plans to lobby the EU and money from overseas or repeat parliament to force broadcasters to take account of a 1996 EU tle with advertising agencies to directive that gives directors keep their repeat fees for aprights as co-authors.

■ Bectu, the broadcasting technician's union, is threatening to Herbert Wise, director of the disrupt the BBC's summer Seventies adaptation of Robert sports coverage, including that Graves' classic I, Claudius, bas of Wimbledon and Ascot, after conducting a poll of its members the programme has been sold about plans to hive off the overseas so many times that if BBC's programme-making arm privatisation, is planning a strike ballnt if the BBC does not give on the money. "All directors are it guarantees about job securi-



A proud moment for woman boxer

By Barrie Clement

JANE COUCH, the women's world welterweight champion, yesterday won her sex discrimination case against Britain's professional boxing authorities.

The decision by an industrial tribunal now means that apwomen should now be treated on the same basis as men's: ...

Miss Couch said that she exected her application to the British Boxing Board of Control to be processed "within weeks" and that she would be seeking ousands of pounds in comnsation for loss of earnings and £20,000 for "hurt feelings". The fighter, known as the atwood Assassin", said she been trying to box profes-

for three years but had been denied the right to do so by the authorities. Ms Couch is scheduled to defend her world welter- don tribunal gave the authori- that while the application was ight championship on 24 May. Yesterday she acknowledged

boxing was a "very dangerous" sport, but there was no reason why she should not be allowed plications for licences from to fight in her own country.

She said the people of her home town, Fleetwood, Lancashire would be proud of her victory. They are not narrowminded and neither are my family - they're all right behind me."

She added: "It's bad enough being in the ring, without hav-ing to fight the authorities. The

sionally in the United Kingdom backed by the Equal Opportu- was also alleged that a woman nities Commission, had been might box inadvertently during boxing board. The south Lon-

Sarah Leslie, her solicitor, not mean her client was auto- was "overwhehming evidence" matically granted a licence, but that her request for a licence In its ruling the tribunal

Couch suffered sex discrimina- stereotypes and assumptions?. tion was "incontrovertible". The board had turned down her BBBC, issued a brief stateapplication on the basis that she ment saying that the decision of would be "emotionally unsta- the tribunal had been "noted" ble" during periods and more and there would be no further job itself is very demanding. prone to accidents. It was also comment until board members rivey made use feel private off."

The tribunal found that Ms

The tribunal found that Ms Couch, 29, whose case was therefore to brain damage. It medical advisers.

"extremely badly treated" by the the early stages of pregnancy. The tribunal pointed out

ties 42 days to settle the matter. rejected on medical grounds. Ms Couch was never exampointed out that the decision did ined by a board doctor. There her application should now go was turned down because she through the orthodox channels. was female. The "medical grounds" on which she was resaid the evidence that Ms jected were all "gender-based

John Morris, secretary of the





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Racial abuse targeted in a grim week for football that has seen a fan die and allegations of boardroom narcotics abuse

Blair moves kick racism into touch

By Kim Sengupta

THE Prime Minister vesterday gave his backing to a report which declares there should be "zero tolerance" of racism in ries of sweeping measures to combat it.

Government immediately antators who chant racial abuse. At the presentation of the

Fear over

game's

violent

weekend

DETECTIVES investigating the killing of a Fulham football

fan were last night continuing

in question a man as politicians,

police chiefs and senior figures

n football administration ex-

pressed concern that the game

was slipping back to a "dark

age" of violence and intimidation, writes Kim Sengupta.

two men they had been holding over the death of Matthew

Fox. But they were granted a 36-hour extension for the con-

tinued detention of a 30-year-

during a weekend of distur-

bances at football grouods

across the country, sparked a

wider debate about the return

of soccer hooliganism and the

damage it may do to the

prospect of England hosting the

Jack Straw, the Home Sec-

retary, expressed "profouod

anger" over the re-emergeoce

of violence in the sport. And he warned that police and the football authorities would do all

they could to ensure it was "heavily clamped down on".

the Home Secretary also point-

ed to potential scope for vio-

lence in the World Cup, and

strongly criticised the market-

Federation of International

Foothall Associations (Fifa) for

the World Cup in France which

could he used as weapons by

troublemaking fans.

Speaking in the Commons.

World Cup in 2006.

Mr Fox's death outside Gillingham football ground,

old man.

Police in Keot released

first report by the Govern-meot's Football Task Force yesterday, Sports Minister Tony Banks revealed that current legislatioo in the Football Offences Act would be amended football and recommends a se- at the "earliest possible opportunity" to accommodate the new measure. The Task Force, Signalling its intention of set up by the new Government acting on the proposals, the in July 1997 under the chairmanship of broadcaster and nounced changes in the law to former minister David Mellor, enable criminal charges to be has come up with 40 different brought against individual spec- sets of ideas for tackling racism and attracting more blacks and

Asians to become involved in

The inquiry found that racism was still deeply entrenched in English football. Some of the worst examples of this were at the bottom and top ends of the sport. Racist abuse was endemic in many local amateur games, and at the same time there were oo black or Asian representation on the Football Association council. There was also a paucity of people from the ethnic minorities administrative positions.

Although Britain's noohite population is 7.3 per

cent, they make up just one per deots as part of a new mandacent of Premier League crowds, says the report. And at a time wheo hlack footballers are succeeding at the highest level, the number of black spectators is decreasing. Black and Asian supporters are put off by or even dismissals. And referprospects of insults and intim-

ateur football, councils should ban clubs with a record of racist behaviour from playing fields, and at a professional level stewards at matches should be trained to deal with racist inci-

The report says that in am-

tory National Vocational Qualification. The Task Force also recommends anti-racist pledges should be put in the contracts of players and managers, with breaches leading to heavy fines ees should be given new guidance that racist abuse on the field is a red-card offence.

Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said it welcomed the campaign but he added that there will have to be fundamental changes in the

tween players with potential problems: "In the past things could have been settled by peowhat they had done or said to the wronged party. "But that will be difficult when the accusation is one of racist behaviour, players wouldn't want to admit they had said something of a racial

be branded a racist." Mr Mellor maintained there must be zero tolerance to

nature if they are then going to

approach to settling disputes be-stamp out racism wherever it oc curs, not just oo the pitch or terraces, hut hoardrooms and boot-rooms".

Mr Blair welcomed the "timely report coming just before the World Cup". He added: "For too long racism has scarred football. The proposals will be studied carefully. They could make a real difference in tackling the problem ... I am proud of the multi-cultural society we live in, proud to lead a government that believes noracism. Our main concern is to body should be shot out of so-

Blair to miss Cook's wedding

THERE will be a notable absentee when Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, marries his partner and personal assistant Gaynor Regan oo 19 April 19 Tony Blair.

And, while Mr Cook ties the knot at Mr Cook's official residence of Chevening in Kent, the Prime Minister will be in Israel. Mr Blair will be seeking to ease the tensions betweeo Britain and Israel strained by the Foreign Secretary's visit there two weeks ago, when Mr Cook made a visit to an Israeli settlement and was snubbed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mr Blair and his wife Cherie are likely to be invited to a subsequent reception attended by a larger number of guests at the Foreign Secre-tary's official London home at Carlton House Terrace.

Muddle over school books

TEACHERS' leaders yester day accused ministers of allowing a scheme to give schools extra textbooks to descend into a "bureaucratic muddle".

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers claimed hundreds of schools would miss out on the offer of £1,000 for extra books because many schools assumed they would get the money if they simply ordered the books by today's closing date. In fact, the books must be delivered to schools by the closing date if schools are to get the special grants.

NFU chief fined

The president of the Scottish National Farmers' Union was yesterday fined £400 after pleading guilty to two charges involving the treatment of sheep from his island farm.

George Lyon was fined £250 for allowing the transportation of seven ewes from Rothesay, on the island of Bute, to Stirling auction market when they were unfit to be moved.

He was fined a further £150 at Rothesay sheriff court for allowing one ewe to be caused unnecessary pain and

Irvine retreats

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine, has bowed to the might of a small Scottish council in a row over his home improvements.

He thought he did oot need a building warrant to carry out improvement work on his Scottish holiday retreat on the remote Kintyre peninsula. But officials of Argyll and Bute council who inspected the property on Friday have decided he did need one putting him, it appears, in technical breach of the law.

Signature of State of

Show censured

THE Rantzen Report was unfair to a charity hospital and unjustified in secret filming of one of its patients, the Broadcasting Standards Commission broadcasting ruled yesterday.

The British Home and Hospital for Incurables said the BSC finding on the August 1996 programme, "Speaking Up For Geoffrey", was a vindication after a long fight. The finding was contrary to that of the BBC's complaints unit which cleared the programme.



Kevin Keegan, Fulham's director of football, outside the gates at Craven Cottage where fans lefts wreaths and scarves in memory of Matthew Fox

end's events had "not damaged at all" the 2006 World Cup hid. And he added: "These there". isolated very tragic events,

By Ian Burrell

who turn up at football grounds sults of the investigation into sion for the team. who should never be allowed in what happened at Gillingham

The sports minister, Tony are oot the true face of English harm England's bid. A at Craven Cottage and spoke of they are feeling. He loved all ing of knives hranded by the Banks, insisted that the week- football. There are still those spokesman added that the re- their loss, and their son's pas-

In a statement read by club could often he heard singing at will have to be carefully studied. chaplain Gary Piper, they said: the top of his voice." They Fifa, however, refused to Meanwhile the family of Mr "To say we are devastated does added that it would have been which the police will deal with, say whether the trouble would Fox visited the Fulham ground not even begin to describe how Mr Fox's 25th birthday today.

sports hut his main passion was

his love for Fulham ... where he

Police inquiry into Hall drug claims



NORTHUMBRIA police con-A force spokeswoman said: firmed yesterday that they were investigating the former Newcastle United vice-chairman, what information is gathered Douglas Hall, over allegations and what that points to."

Prior to publication of the

reports in the Sunday Mirror in which several witnesses claimed to have seen Mr Hall taking

Northumbria police said that a senior officer had contacted with the allegations and jour-

stages. A lot will depend on The investigation followed article nine days ago, Mr Hall's it for the sake of everybody consolicitor had issued a denial that

in drug-taking. calls by Jim Cousins, the Labour MP for Newcastle Central, for the newspaper in connection an investigation into the claims,

nalists had been asked to hand constituency. Yesterday be said: "If the allegations that were made in the newspaper are "The inquiry is in its early correct then they refer to what would be serious criminal offences.

"There must be an investigation to get to the bottom of cerned, including Douglas Hall."

his client had ever been involved News of the Northumbria The police action follows police inquiry follows the revciation in The Independent yesterday that South Yorkshire police are investigating a £200m which referred to locations in his proposed property develop-

ment involving a company controlled by Mr Hall. Detectives involved in a

wider inquiry into allegations of financial mismanagement at Doncaster council have spoken castle women as "dogs" to an to council officers, and former and serving councillors in Don- News of the World. caster in connection with an ambitious plan to huild a allegedly made in a Spanish prime agricultural and green per cent of Newcastle support-helt land at Rossington Hall. ers called on them to go. Fol-The 2,300-acre project also in-

United's chairman, Freddy Shepherd, resigned from the club a week ago after allegedly making derogatory remarks about fans and describing Newundercover reporter from the

After their comments, championship golf course on brothel, were made public, 96 ers called on them to go. Following the resignations, Mr cludes a leisure hotel and busi- Hall's father, the millionaire Sir ness complex and 1,100 homes. John Hall, took over the club chairmanship.



Photograph: PA

Fulham's director of football,

Kevin Keegan, speaking on be-

half of of the club owner Mo-

hamed Al-Fayed and all players

and staff, said: "This is an ap-

palling tragedy and a pointless

loss of a young life."

Freddy Shepherd: Had to go

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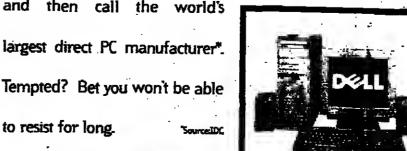
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And pigs might fly

PANDORA has a modest proposal for Tony Blair. If he wants to put an end to all the carping about his relationship with Rupert Murdoch, he should send Tony Banks, minister for sport, on a fact-finding mission to Spain. Eight months ago, the Spanish parliament passed a law requiring important foot-ball matches to be broadcast free on television. Now the Spanish are about to appoint a new sports council that will go beyond just football and declare a wide range of sporting events in the public interest. All those selected will be off-limits to satellite or cable pay TV. Surely if Blair adopted a similar policy here, the enormous gratitude of the British viewing public would eclipse any hostility broadcast by an outraged Murdoch and his media mouthpieces.

Old joke, new danger

FOLLOWING the Prime Minister's speech to the Millennium Bug conference at the Barbican yesterday. John Humphrys, of the Today programme, chaired a panel on the subject. The headstrong radio presenter, who fell foul of the Government for his supposedly rough treatment of Harriet Harman last year, led off with a joke. It told of a new Labour MP who goes to the barber to have his hair cot but refuses to take off the headphones he is wearing. All the barber's entreaties prove useless; the MP insists that "Peter Mandelson says that I must wear these at all times". This makes the barber's joh much more difficult and, eventually, he cajoles the MP into taking them off. Within moments, the MP begins to surgle, choke and then dies. Sometime later, after the politician's body has been carted off for the post-mortem, the barber finds the headphones that have fallen off in the confusion and decides to have a listen. He hears the recorded voice of Mandelson, repeating: "Breathe in ... breathe out... breathe in ..." Pandora's prediction: John Humphrys won't be chairing many Government-sponsored panel

Tasteless memorabilia

AMERICAN marketing genius - that inspired immodesty which turned a cartoon mouse into billions of dollars and cheap hamburgers into an international corporate empire - is bearing down on President Clinton's Zippergate. Among the 3,000



"oovelties" on display at this year's National Memorabilia Convention will be a computer game in which players try to direct Monica Lewinsky across Washington and into the Oval Office. Also a talking "Lewinsky" doll that says Tin a good intern", "All hail to the ediet and "Whatever you want, Mr President". There are Lewinsky masks for Halloween, Lewinsky birthday cards ("Til blow out your candles"), Lewinsky wigs, Lewinsky sex toys and even a "Monicondom" that is sup-

posedly designed just for oral

enough of this tat. Pandora can't help thinking that Cecil Parkinson, David Mellor and Robin Cook are all fortunate they suffered their worst embarrassments on this side of the Atlantic. On the other hand, Pandora fears that Monica Lewinsky's example will provide Fergie with new money-making ideas.

It must be the food

THE Norman Invasion, Part II, is coming to your local post office, bus stop and corner shop. According to Le Figuro, there are now 60,000 French citizens seeking their fortunes in the City of London alone. Meanwhile, a French consular official estimates that there are about 180,000 French men and women resident in Le Bretagne Cool. Many in this unprecedented new wave of Gallic immigrants are under 30 years old, with a Le Figuro poll showing that, after the United States, Britain is the second most popular emigration destination for a generation severely distillusioned with its own society. Not only is the unemployment rate in Paris twice what it is in London, but we now have dozens of Michelin-starred restaurants on this side of the Channel. Poor de Gaulle must be spinning in his grave.

Comedy of errors

SHAME on the Northern Examining Board, whose further GCSE English practice papers for 1998 contain the flagrant misspelling "practise" in bold type on their title page. Pandora suggests the examiners consult their Fowler's Modern

Pandora

Campaigning adverts under fire

'Political' agenda sparks new wave of complaints to industry watchdog, writes Paul McCann

THE NUMBER of complaints from the public about sex, blasohenny and bad language in advertising fell last year to be replaced by organised lobbying groups who mobilised complaints to counter advertisements by their opponents.

The most complained about advertisement last year was by the Gun Control Network, an organisation campaigning to have 22 handguns banned in the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy. Its poster advertisement showed a grave and the slogan: "A .22 handgun makes the same size hole as a Magnum". That, and a poster featuring former US attorney general Robert Kennedy, who was shot with a 22 received 94 complaints.

The fourth largest number of complaints was also prompted by an advertisement for the Gun Control Network. This time complaints were lodged about a cinema advertisement narrated by Sean Connery which showed a .22 firing into a hnman-shaped target. These complaints were also rejected.

It emerged at the time that some complaints were received eveo before the advertisement was screened as pro-shooting organisations prompted their members to complain.

In its annual report released yesterday, the aothority revealed that three of the top 10 most complained about advertisements were generated by or made by special interest groups.

The third most complained about advertisement was by the Vegetarian Society and showed pictures of post-operative cancer scars under the slogan "It's much easier to cut out meat". The campaign had port which warned that con-

getting cancer. It attracted complaints both ment in October and banned it. an ASA spokesman.



Making a point: Lee jeans' image (above) was last year's second most complained about advertisement, surpassed only by the Gun Control Network's campaign (below left) for a ban on handgun ownership. Peugeot's tattoo advertisement (right) attracted criticism of a more traditional kind



"While large numbers of from the public, the Meat and been timed to coincide with the Livestock Commission and complaints can indicate the publication of a government re- from cancer charities who be- strength of feeling by groups lieved it misleadingly implied of complainants, they do not sumption of too much red meat that vegetarians the not get occessarily indicate that an adcould increase the likelihood of cancer. The ASA fast-tracked a vertisement breaks the adverjudgement on the advertise-tising codes of practice," sa

The number of complaints stiletto pressing oo a naked featured a tattoo of a Peugeot about the portrayal of women male rear, attracted complaints 106 on a woman's midriff, 36 fell by 45 per cent last year, but and led to claims that so-called about a Gossard bra poster the second most complained about advertisement concerned the portrayal of men. Lee's advertisement for its boot-cut—the 46 complaints against Peu-—tion for its deliberately provoca-

advertising.

"girl power" was creeping into where the model's nipples could be seen and 27 against the More familiar in nature were fashioo chain French Connecjeans, which showed a woman's geot's "tattoo" advert which tive F.C.U.K. poster campaign.

THE NEW SPECIAL EDITION PEUGEON

Social services failed abuse-case children

By Roger Dobson

abused and tortured their young children, including videoing some of the horrific attacks, had been known to social services for nearly 15 years.

Investigators examined more vices records about the family that had been logged between 1981 and 1996, according to an independent inquiry report published yesterday. But the parents were not arrested and jailed until two years ago, after the eldest of their five children told

teachers what was happening. Yesterday's report detailed a catalogue of missed opportunities blamed on management failings, madequate systems, errors of judgement and errors or omission, and it urges the agencies involved to consider whether they should take dis-

has already left. "There were tion the children oeeded. There many opportunities from 1982 A COUPLE who sexually to 1996 when routine child protection work should have protected each child. Until 1996, they escaped any coocerted inter-agency activity to protect their children," it says.

"In this case there are prothan 200 extracts from social ser- fessionals who must be asking themselves whether individually or collectively they could have done more to protect the children in this family at a far earlier stage." Over the years there were re-

ports of burn marks, genital soreness, a hroken arm, a black eye, and other injuries, as well as other clues, including anonymous allegations of sexual abuse, a history of domestic violence, a GP's concern about possible child hattering, hard core pornography found by po-lice in a child's bedroom, and complaints from neighbours. ciplinary action. One manager All failed to secure the protec-

were other indicators too. Nine years before his arrest, the father, who is now serving life. was investigated by the police for allegedly sexually abusing his five-year-old niece.

"The extent of degrading and abusive treatment of children by the parents revealed in the video films counts among the most serious ever recorded in the UK," says the report by Geoffrey James, a former social services inspector. He added: "Individual agencies should consider whether disciplinary action is necessary in respect of some staff in this case."

He makes nine recommendations, including better interagency training and new working definitions of neglect. He also wants agencies to have better liaison with the coroner where cases of sudden death in children are checked against the

Hicks, defining figure of interior design, dies

DAVID HICKS, one of the defining figures in the world of interior and garden design in Britain since the Second World War, has died, aged 68. Mr Hicks died peacefully at home in Oxfordshire, looking out, according to his death notice on the garden be had fashioned since moving there in the late Seventies.

Hicks, with the late John Fowler, turned interior designing in Britain, once the domain of powerful society women such as Syrie Maugham and Sybil Colefax, into a profession in which a dedicated practitioner worked on projects alongside architects.

Hicks was propelled into the public eye in 1960 when he married Edwina Mountbatten, the younger daughter of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, thus becoming part of the extended world of the Royal



Family and Sixties café society also inhahited by Princess Margaret and Tony Snowdon. His first book, David Hicks

on Decoration, appeared in 1966. The house that the Hickses made for their family at Britwell Salome, with its strong colours, and rich furnishings, was definitive of the style which he also employed at

Baronscourt, the seat in Northern Ireland of the Duke of Abercorn, where he adapted a series of rooms of parade into a home for modern life, with a kitchen rounding off the sequence of grand reception

He also produced interiors for the QE2, a royal vacht for King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and a new library at the Lutyens British Embassy in Washington DC when it was redecorated room by room by British designers. In the Seventies and Eighties Hicks turned increasingly to garden design, publishing books on Living with Design and Gurden Design

Hicks's younger daughter, India, has made a name as a model, while his son, Ashley, has gone into the same world as his father, as an architect in private practice in London.

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Swampy gets £100 drug fine

THE eco-warrior known as Swampy has been fined £100 after admitting possession of mag-

The 24-year-old former tunneller ran off when he saw the police but said "it's a fair cop" when he was caught and asked to turn out his pockets.

He gave his parents' address in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, as his home address when he appeared before magistrates in Penzance under his real name of Daniel Hooper.

The court heard that on 3 February police had received a complaint of two "travelling men" harassing passers-by for money. As a constable went to speak to them Hooper ran off.

When caught and asked to turn out his pockets he was found with a film canister containing dried psilocybin mushrooms, a class-A hallucinogenic drug in their dried form.



A fair cop: Daniel Hooper, alias Swampy, leaving court with his girlfriend, Jenny, yesterday Photograph: Sam Morgan-Moore

Lawrence death suspects seen washing off blood

POLICE investigating the murtold that four suspects were seen washing blood off themselves on the night of the stabbing, Stephen's father told a public in-quiry yesterday.

Neville Lawrence, 56, said his family heard about the incident from a woman who visited their home in Plumstead south-east London, a few days later. "She said that there had been people in her house on the night of the muriler who had washed blood off themselves, he said. She gave the names of the Acourts, Norris and Knight." Mr Lawrence said in a statement read out to the inquiry that

he and his wife, Doreen, gave the information to their solicitor, who passed it to police. The der of Stephen Lawrence were inquiry has been told that no arrests were made for two weeks. Charges eventually laid against five men - Neil and Jamie Acourt, David Norris, Gary Dobson and Luke Knight were dropped before the trial.

In an echo of concerns expressed by his wife last week, Mr Lawrence said he felt that littie effort was expended on the investigation. "It was clear to me from the outset that the police had no real interest in catching Stephen's murderers," he said. "For this reason we did not have much confidence in them."

He also criticised the failure of police to communicate with the family. Officers did not speak to them at the hospital on the night of Stephen's murder, he said, and what little information they did have - that he had been attacked in the street was given to them by a neighbour. Nobody actually told us what had happened to Stephen," Mr Lawrence said.

The inquiry is examining issues arising from the death of Stephen, who was stabbed at a bus stop in Eltham, a few miles from his home, in April 1993.

Mr Lawrence described a visit to Greenwich mortnary to see his son's body. "My feel-

ings at that point were that I was looking at my son lying there and thinking, what butchers could have done something like this to a human being."

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Like his wife, he voiced deep unhappiness with two police liaison officers assigned to the family. On one occasion, one of them, Constable Linda Holden, made a remark about woollen gloves and a hat that were found among his son's belongings. "It was clear that she was implying that Stephen was a cat

burglar," he said.
"I felt that they were not sympathetic. The way they spoke to us made us feel as though they regarded us as a nuisance. I felt as though they resented us wanting to know what was happening with the

investigation." Mr Lawrence said that the family felt threatened after youths were seen hanging around outside their house after the murder. "We were very concerned about our children's safety. It was clear that not only were police not going to protect ns, but they didn't believe that

we were in any danger. "We were beginning to feel that the killers of my son had more rights than we had. We heard that the killers were being protected."

The inquiry continues today.

137,000 pupils a year banned from schools

CHILDREN'S chances of being temporarily excluded from a survey published today.

The first national survey of temporary exclusions shows that there are 137,000 a year a loss of half a million school-

days a year. Government efforts to introduce a consistent policy for schools exclusions have failed, says the Children's Society survey. Exclusions are one of the issues being examined by the social exclusion unit set up by the Prime Minister which is due to report shortly.

The survey's figures show that one secondary school handed out 469 temporary exclusions in a single year, two for every school day. A primary school in the same authority was responsible for 48, one in every school week.

Yet in one big city, there were only 250 exclusions overall. Most of the authorities were able to quote examples of both secondary and primary schools where no pupils had been temporarily excluded in the course of a year.

wide variations raise enormous. questions about school ethos,

school vary sharply depending coherent policies, social context. on where they live and which recording practices and issues Questionnaires were sent to

104 local education authorities and 64 returned their forms. Forty per cent had no record of the oumber of days that temporary exclusions lasted but . the survey suggests that the average may be around four days. Nearly two-thirds had no idea how many excluded children

were in care. Ian Sparks, the Children's Society's chief executive, said: "Exclusions carry heavy penalties for us all. The survey reveals a huge range of practice from the very best to the frankly disturbing. Local authorities need basic information about the children they are excluding."

. The society says that excluded pupils should remain on the school roll even if they are being educated elsewhere so that schools feel a responsibility to re-integrate them. Schools should get extra money to cope with difficult pupils and there should be a compulsory conference of parents, te and local authority official fore a child is excluded.

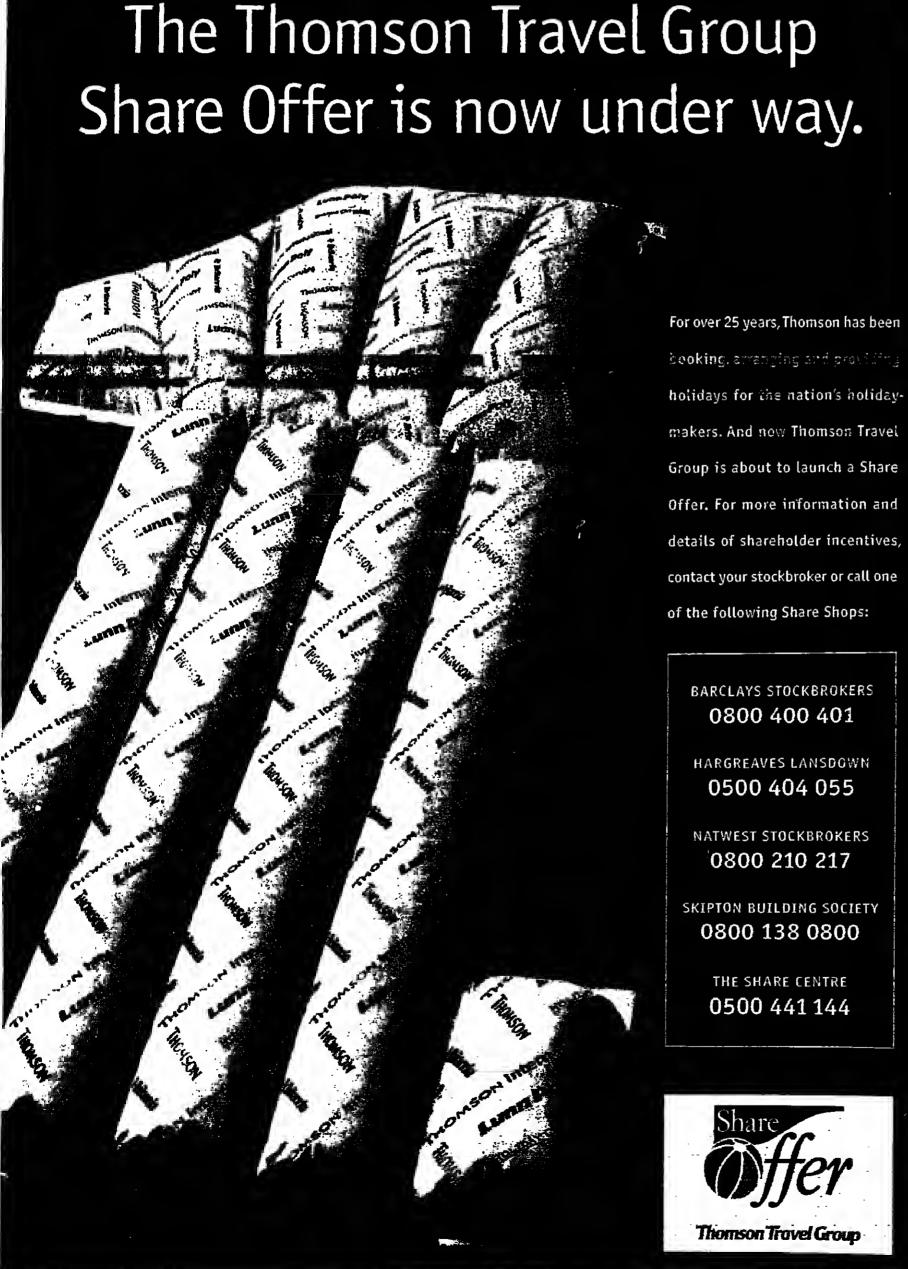
DAILY POEM

Threat

By Denise Levertov

You can live for years next door to a big pinetree, honored to have so venerable a neighbor, even when it sheds needles all over your flowers or wakes you, dropping big cones onto your deck at still of night. Only when, before dawn one year at the vernal equinox, the wind rises and rises, raising images of cockleshell boats tossed among huge advancing walls of waves, do you become aware that always, under respect, under your faith in the pinetree's beauty, there lies the fear it will crash some day down on your house, on you in your bed, on the fragility of the safe dailiness you have almost grown used to.

Our poems today and tomorrow come from Sands of the Well (Bloodaxe, £8.95), the final volume completed by Denise Levertov, who died last year. Born in Essex in 1923, Denise Levertov, who died last year. ertov moved to the US in 1948, where she published 14 poetry collections and worked as a campaigner for civil rights and against war and nuclear weapons. Bloodaxe also publishes her book of memoirs, Tesserae.



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It's rough, but even Robert Redford stayed here



Everest Diary

Namche Bazaar

IT'S SNOWING steadily. The traders of Namche Bazaar have covered over their displays of Tibetan trinkets, carpets and outdoor gear with plastic sheets and are sheltering in shop doorways.

A child snuggled up to her Sherpani mum calls ont "allo" to cagouled passers-by but there are few buyers. The forlorn scene is strongly reminiscent of an English seaside resort on a wet day.

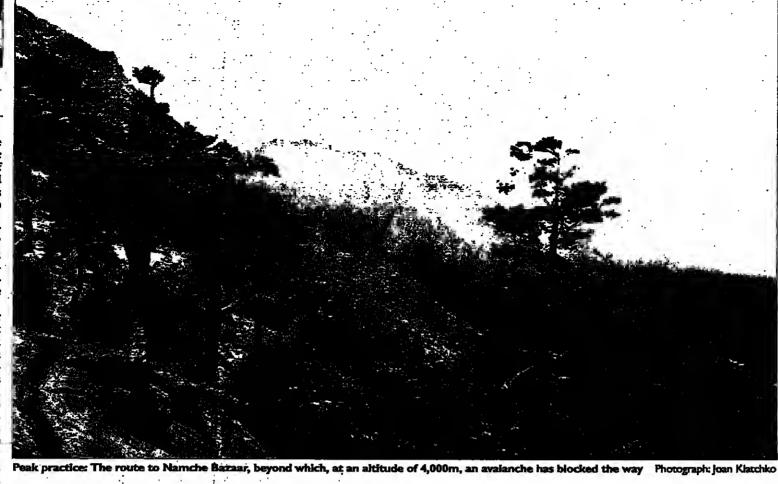
No one on the team of our Himalayan Kingdoms Everest expedition is complaining that today is a rest day, or rather an acclimatisation day. After forays round the muddy alleyways while the sun shone briefly, most of the team has retired to the main room of the Khumbu Lodge to read, write postcards or shall over the weather

Further up our proposed route near a hamlet called Machhermo, at around 4,000m, an avalanche has blocked the way and is being dug out.

We are not due through there for a few more days and the heavy snow is one more reason oot to reach Everest Base Camp too soon.

On the plus side, "Barny" Barnicott, one of our guides, remarks that no one woke up this morning with a headache. I know from experience that if I had rushed op from near sea level to sleep at almost 3,500 metres in the Alps on eletradeinduced headache would have been a strong possibility. So our leisurely pace seems to be pay-

Khumbu Lodge is a Himalayan climbing institution. At



the heart of the village, its: warm-timbered main room boasts photographs of the patron, Pasang Kima - known to all as PK - with Sir Edmund Hillary, who was first to the top of the world in 1953 along with Sherpa Tensing.

In 1991, the American Himalayan Foundation honoured PK as its Man of the Year for his contribution to the rebuilding of the Buddhist monastery at Thyangboche and the hydro-project which supplies the village with

Signatures of the film-

Redford, who was here in 1981. drop your wallet. You can even stay in the Jimmy Carter Room, who was on however are not bound for the

reminiscent of an English seaside resort on a wet day

there is also a picture of Robert tres over an evil pile. Don't who provide the Sherpas of Most of the lodge visitors

The scene is

the mountain Kala Patar in highest summits but trekking 1985. But even these luminar- for three or four weeks in their maker David Breashears on a les would have had to use the shadow. A scrap of paper on poster are evidence of visits be- same toilets at the back of the the lodge noticeboard exemtween 1983 and last year, and lodge when you squat a few me-plifies the American trekkers post on a hill overlooking the snow.

Namche with an income way above that of most Nepalis. "Grant - Hope you had a nice trek without any headaches and your yak was fluffy and friendly, Yak or Yuk!"

While nooe of us has suffered any physical headaches, 1 have certainly been dogged by a metaphorical one in trying to communicate this diary to London. The satellite phone Himalayao Kingdoms has promised for Beas Comp has not yet caught up with us and beyond Kathmandu a telephone is a rare sight.

Soon after arriving in Nam-

village as a possible place to make an international call. The rest of the day was spent in increasing frustration in a small shed where an unmilitarylooking Nepali manned a

phoce in a woodeo box. A Sherpani chattering excitedly for ages into the phone seemed to keep amused most of the group of men, women and childreo crowded into the

At 6pm the shed was locked and the chance of getting the diary back to London evaporated for another day. Outside chickens scratched around in what may have been the parade che I was directed to an army ground and it had started to

Thousands of BSE cases 'not reported'

THOUSANDS of cases of mad cow disease have been covered up by farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture, b was claimed

Dr Stephen Dealler, a microbiologist at Burnley Geoeral Hospital, claims that only ooe in five cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) - have been reported to the Government by farmers. He will present his evidence to the BSE inquiry tomorrow.

"Since it became mandatory to report all cases in 1988, the number of reports of BSE to the Ministry of Agriculture has declined when statistically the reporting should have been at a high level," he said.

"There has been a gradual drop in reporting, which I can back up, which suggests that farmers have not been honest

about the extent of the problem." Dr Dealler said the underreporting was certainly going on until 1996, the last year for which figures are available, and there is no reason to doubt that this covering up is still going oo in the farming community".

He suggested that farmers, vho were worried about financial ruin decided to declare clean herds by seoding animals for slaughter and rendering at the first sign of BSE.

"That way they would not have to declare they had a BSE problem. Declaring you have BSE leads to a huge financial loss for farmers, which is outweighed by compensation." Animals sect to the reoder- aquifer.

ers are boiled down and turned into powder which is stored at sites around the country. Rendered animals are meant to be BSE-free and the waste material, according to the Government, is safe to store.

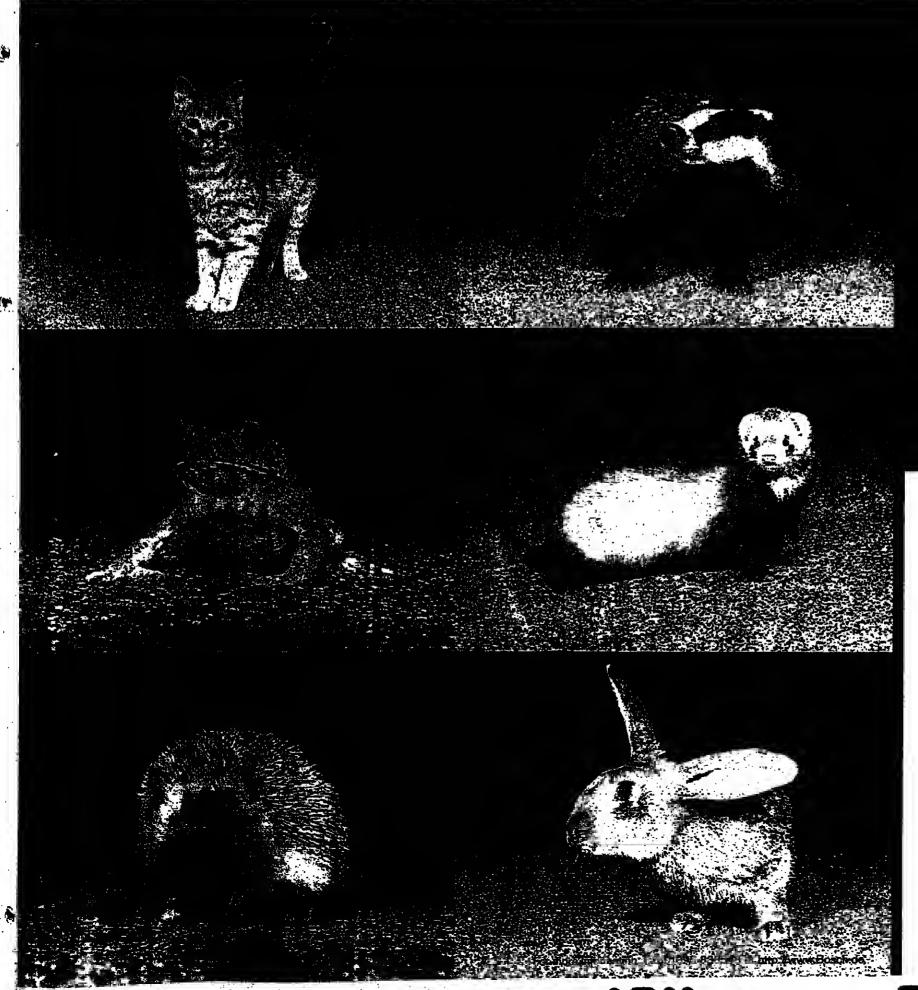
But Dr Dealler claimed there could be a health risk if cows with BSE were rendered and their remains stored.

Some of the stores are near water courses and there have been fears that if the rendered powder contained BSE contaminated material it could get into drinking water.

His fears were backed up yesterday by Dr Alan Colchester, a consultant oeurologist at Guys Hospital, London, who said he was concerned about the risks to humans and animals from the rendering process.

Giving evidence to the inquiry, Dr Colchester said infectivity could be encountered in materials associated with reodering and was concerned about Thruxted Mill, a rendering plant near Ashford, Kent which was licensed to receive animals which could have beeo incubating BSE. There have been four suspected cases of new variant-CID near Ashford.

"I remain very concerned that the risks to humans and animals from the reodering process and its products have still not been fully evaluated and the precautionary principle is still not being appropriately applied," he said. He was also concerned about the possibility of water-supply contamination as Throxted Mill lay over an



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Taxpayers forked out £2m for defeated MPs

Political Correspondent

THE TAXPAYER forked out more than £2m last year to pay for the office costs of MPs who had already left the Commons.

The payments allowed members who retired or were defeated to walk away with lump sums totalling up to £70,000, oo top of pensions of up to £20,000.

Ann Taylor, has refused to answer an MP's questions about payments are believed to have beeo even higher. Norman Bak-Lewes, is to appeal against the commodation in London. decision under the Code of

Conduct on Open Government. Although last year's election took place oo I May, one For example, a 64 year-old with

The Leader of the Commons, mooth into the financial year, 20 years' service who retired last length of service who was desuggest most did when the tocontinue claiming their office the 1992 election, when the costs allowances until the end of June. Those who were defeated were also giveo two er, the Liberal Democrat MP for months' extra payment for ac-

The bonuses came on top of already generous allowances for MPs leaving the Commons.

retiring MPs were allowed to vear was entitled to a £15.865 "winding up allowance" and £43,860 for "assistance with the costs of adjusting to conparliamentary life". Io addition, he could claim up to £11.892 for office costs for the three months after the dissolution of Parliament in April: a to-

tal of £71,617.

winding-up and adjustment allowances, plus up to £2,047 for accommodation during May and June. He received up to £7,928 office costs allowance after I May.

If all the MPs had claimed the maximum office costs al-An MP of the same age and figures released by Mrs Taylor cellor of the Duchy of feated or stood down," he said.

feated received the same tal paid after their leaving dates would have been around £2m.

It is understood that in 1992. MPs were allowed to claim a full year's office costs allowance even though the election took place oo 9 April, nine days into the financial year.

Mr Baker said he was writlowance - and some incomplete ing to David Clark, the Chan-

Lancaster, to appeal for more information to be released. A refusal would lead people to assome everyone was milking the system, he suggested.

"It is in MPs' interests that these questions are fully and frankly answered. The replies which I have been presented with do no good to anybody, least of all to those MPs who were de-

Asked how Mr Clark would be likely to respond, a Cabinet Office spokeswoman referred The Independent to a partiamentary answer given in De cember to Mr Baker an freedom of information.

"Ministers should be as open as possible with Parliament, refusing to provide information only when disclosure would not be in the public interest," it said

Blair's spin doctor labelled control freak

By Fran Abrams

ALASTAIR Camphell, the Prime Minister's press secretary. displayed a "control freak" tendency in the Government when he ticked off two ministers by fax, a senior backbench MP said yesterday.

Mr Campbell is expected to be asked about the incident when he appears before the Commons Public Administration Committee after Easter.

The chairman of the committee. Rhodri Morgan, said the message in the faxes was: There is only one spin doctor round here and that's me ..."

"He doesn't want freelance spio doctoring by individual ministers," Mr Morgan said.

In a radio interview, Mr Morgan said the leaked memos to Harriet Harman, the Secretary of State for Social Security, and her deputy Frank Field should perhaps have been worded differently.

In them, Mr Campbell urged the ministers to "enter a period of pre-Budget purdah" and to be careful about lunches with reporters. He also asked why three interviews given by Ms Harman were not cleared through his office.

"Alastair Campbell is a temporary civil servant talking down to ministers and administering a ticking off in this way - unless he had the full authority of the Prime Minister:



Alastair Campbell: 'Nothing surprises or concerns me'

"If I had been a minister I think I would have been pretty upset about the tone of those, unless the first line was Tony Blair has told me to tell you that you're quarrelling in public and it's time you stopped it, you're the press, he replied: 'Nothing playing around like cinding.'
and I am administering this tick. Or at thing ever suring off on belian of the Prime press.

Minister'," Mr Morgan said. Asked what the committee would ask Mr Campbell about. Mr Morgan said: "We will be asking the obvious question that everybody will want to know: to what extent should civil servants such as him write letters like this to ministers unless

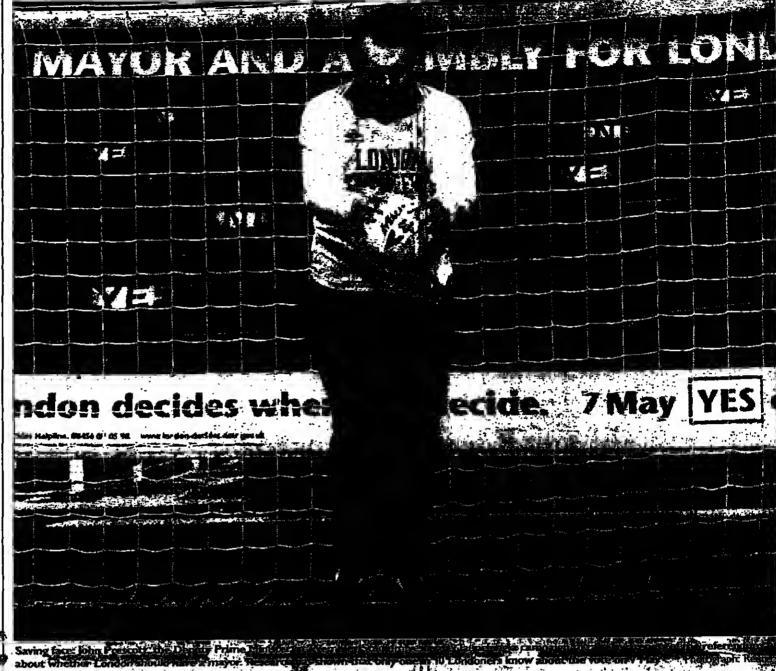
the Prime Minister? "And if they do have the full authority of the Prime Minister, wouldn't it be better if the

they have the full authority of

memo actually states it?" He added: "There is obviously a control freak teodency in the new Labour government, but on the other hand, how can a hunch of control freaks, if that's what you think they are, have devolved power to Wales and Scotland and shortly to Logdoo?"

After the revelation appeared in oewspapers on Sunday Mr Field said that be had been "told off" by Mr Campbell. He had felt it occessary to take the matter seriously as it had been raised by such a senior person, he said, though he had considered returning the memo with its English corrected.

Mr Campbell appeared unrattled by the publicity yesterday. Asked if he was surprised to find that two of his memos had found their way into



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first Welsh prime minister

By Tony Heath

RON DAVIES, the Secretary of State for Wales, has staked his claim to become the first prime minister of the principality.

Just before the Labour Party's deadline for nominations to the panel of Welsh Assembly candidates closed at midday yesterday, he handed in his application at the party's Welsh headquarters in Cardiff.

More than 400 names are oow oo the list, and the process of fining the oumber down is expecting to take several weeks or even months.

The 60-strong body will be elected in May oext year - 40, one for each of the Welsh Westminster seats by the first-past -the-post system, and 20 by

proportional representation drawing oo party lists:

Mr Davies who represents the safe Labour seat of Caerphilly told a news conference at Transport House in Cardiff: We must await developments but I am delighted to put my name forward."

He said he had consulted Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, discussed the matter with his constituency party and talked if

At 51, Mr Davies is searly 10 years younger than Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, who has aiready indicated that he will leave the Commons and seek election to the Scottish parliament.

Mr Davies, who has long experience in the party, first in

Welsh local government and theo as shadow Welsh secretary, is counted a Cabinet success. He lived down a reputation while in opposition as having repub-

lican tendencies. He is credited with successfully steering the devolution debate to a favourable, albeit narrow outcome. That was largely achieved by Mr Davies' ability to bring oo board the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru - a troika that delivered.

a "yes" vote. It is understood that Mr Davies will carry on as Secretary of State, and should he go for the Assembly option - almost a forgone conclusion - he intends to continue as a Cabinet minister

for "a short transitional period". "I shall be leading Labour's

Assembly election campaign," he declared.

Two other leading Labour figures are understood to be. keen to hold a significant positioo in the Welsh Assembly. Rhodri Morgan MP for Cardiff West and Wayne David MEP for South Wales Central and leader of Labour's Eura MPs. 4

are both cootenders. With the odds beavily on the Secretary of State taking the "Prime Minister of Wales" mantle, speculation over a successor Secretary of State is beginning to surface. One favoured replacement is understood to be Paul Murphy, MP for Torfaen, who as a Northern Ireland minister has won praise from Mo Mowlam for his contribution to the peace talks.

Electro-lobby plan quashed

PLANS to introduce electronic voting in the House of Commons appeared last night to have been dropped, writes Fran Abrams.

Although the Leader of the House, Ann Taylor, said recently that she was "personally quite keen" on the idea, the Prime Minister's spokesman told reporters yesterday she did not support it. The issue of swipe-card

voting was the only aspect of weekend reports about the modernisation of Parliament which was not comprehensively squashed yesterday. Downing Street said

claims that Tony Blair had blocked the modernisation of the State Opening of Parliament were completely un-The matter was one for the Earl Marshall and not for

Ann Taylor, and "to my cer-

come pensioners, living alone in tain knowledge the Prime Minister has not expressed a the family house. view," the spokesman said.

Plans dropped for tax on 'super-rich'

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

MINISTERS yesterday abandoned plans to introduce a higher council tax band for the "super-rich" but denied they had backed down on Tony Blair's orders to avoid upsering the middle classes.

Hilary Armstrong, local govwould have left many houseernment minister, said the idea of introducing a J-band for holders with much bigger bills m the ruo-up to the general council tax to impose a higher rate oo houses worth more. than £320,000 had been studied. but turned down because it would be too expensive to administer. To simply tinker with the top band would have cost as much as it would have brought in. The rate would have except the "super rich" in mansions but there were fears it would also have increased bills for low-in-

Three consultation documents on local government fi-

nance also showed ministers appear to have watered down a commitment to introduce a local business rate by making it clear they will not act without "full consultation with husiness". There are also no immediate plans for a revaluation. of council taxes, to take account of rising property values, which

"There are certainly some who would say this is too timid. Some would say it is too radical. It is the job of government to listen to all sides and try and find ... the broadest consensus

.... We discovered on the poli tax that people have their limits and it is our job to find a way through this," said Ms Armstrong. The uniform business rate will stay intact and councils will be allowed to levy a supplementary rate on top, subject to government limits.

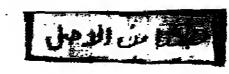
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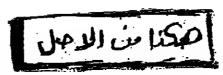
AN £8m attempt to storpeople - mostly young - ending up on the streets, was laurched yesterday. Ministers and to give advice and support to those who risk losing their homes or are already w shelter, writes Glenda Goper.

The measure was charity Crisis comments atted its 30th birthday and a criple of weeks before the Social Exclusion Unit is due to resort to ministers on homeles

Voluntary groups nationwide will receive cash and have key roles in the initiative unveiled by Hilary Aunstrong. the housing minister, who said 205 projects, including those encouraging businesses to support charities, would benefit.

Ms Armstrong said. This Government is determined to tackle homelessness and is committed to reducing the oumber of people sleeping rough to as near zero as possible," she said yesterday.





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Confident Saddam takes to the road

By Patrick Cockburn

HE IS back in business and looking confident. On Saturday, Saddam Hussein, the Iraq leader who for seven years almost never appeared in public, visited two villages in the cenire of the country. Muffled in a heavy coat, he regaled them with tales of his escape as a 21year-old after he had tried to assesinate General Abdul-Karim Qassem, a former Iraqi president. in 1959.

"It was like ynu see in the films, but worse," he told the people of Albu Dor, a village



Saddam Hussein: Tales of heroism and hravery

on the Tigris through which he had fled at the time. "My clothes were wet, my leg was injured and I hadn't eaten properly for four days." He added: "How can I describe it? It is hard now to describe how I got out of the water."

The reappearance of Saddam Husseio in public - a month ago he visited villages in Mosul in northern Iraq - is important. It shows he is feeling more confident about his personal safety. He is also con-vinced that Iraq is escaping from its political and economic isolation. "With God's will your lives will be prosperous and

the embargo will end," he said. the Iraqi leader is not planning a further confrontation with UN inspectors looking for his weapons of mass destruction. At the end of the crisis, which almost led to war with the US and Britain in February, many diplomats assumed he would

seek another confrontation in a few months. As Saddam Hussein was con-

ducting his tour - during which he fired a rifle into the air as villagers chanted his name - UN inspectors were for the first time visiting his palace compound in Tikrit, the city from which he and his close family come, in their search for chemical and hiological weapons and the missiles to deliver them. "Everything went smoothly," said Antonio Montero, the Portuguese Ambassador to the UN. who is also chairman of the UN sanctions committee on Iraq.

The inspectors from the UN Special Committee on Iraq. previously known for their aggressiveness, are now accompanied by 20 diplomats as they visit the eight presidential sites. Their presence is part of the deal agreed on 23 February by Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, when he visited Baghdad and met Saddam Hussein. Mr Montero said there were many buildings under construction at the Tikrit palace compound. On Sunday the inspectors saw another of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Mosul.

Although Kofi Annan said the diplomats would not reduce the authority of Richard Butler, the head of the UN special committee, the palace inspections appear to be very much under diplomatic control. This will also please the Iraqi government which has accused Mr Butler of confrontational tactics.

The inspectors have oow been seen four out of eight palaces. Jayantha Dhanapala, the UN Under Secretary for Disarmament, in charge of the accompanying diplomats, yesterday said: "Fifty per cent of our job is done and we are well on the way to implementing the memorandum of understanding as far as the initial rounds of visits is concerned."

Saddam Hussein's attempt eral Qassem, during which he was shot in the leg, has often been retold in Iraqi propaganda films. It was the first step in his career in the ruling Ba'ath Party, which overthrew and military coup four years later.



Relaunch: The stars of 'Lost in Space' arriving for the film's Hollywood première. Shown are (from left) William Hurt, Jack Johnson, Heather Graham, Lacey Chabert, Mimi Rogers, Gary Oldman and Matt LeBlanc. The movie is inspired by a 1960s television series

Old enemies from Lebanon's civil war unite to maintain the social divide

By Robert Fisk in Beirut

SINCE their 16-year civil war ended in 1990, the Lebanese have piously acknowledged that their country should be deconfessionalised, and that religious harriers can only be broken down by a non-sectarian civil society. That, however, was only for public consumption - as President Elias Hrawi has found to his cost.

As a first, tentative step away from the divisions that cost 150,000 Lebanese lives, he has mildly told his cabinet he intends to introduce civil marriage to Lebanon. After all, couples of mixed faith were being forced to change their religioo or fly to Cyprus to marry. Surely a civil wedding would solve the problem.

tou would have thought Mr Hrawi sheikhs and Maronite Christian bishops who have been spouting off for years on the need to deconfessionalise Lebanon, roared with anger at this diminution of their power. Outside the office of the killed General Qassem in a Sunni Grand Mufti in Beirut, thousands gathered to scream "Allahu akbar" -

God is greater - in protest at Mr Hrawi's proposal.

The Maronite Patriarch, Cardinal sermon that civil marriage was against the teachings of the church. Mr Hrawi. - the president must always be a Christian Maronite under Lebanon's sectar-

who were exiled in Europe during the 1975-90 war and who now resent the demands of parents that they marry into Nasrallah Sfeir, announced in a Sunday their own community (or change their religion to that of their spouse).

> The truth, however, is more ambiguous. For what really wornes the religious leaders is not so much marriage

The Maronite Patriarch, Cardinal Nasralla Sfeir, announced that civil marriage was against the teachings of the church

ian system - remains unmoved.

hypocrisy that hes at the was suggesting mass suicide. Muslim . Lebanon's body politic: the desperate need to maintain a sectarian society, so that no religious community feels left out of the system, while maintaining the façade that the country's ultimate aim is to deconfessionalise.

Young people generally welcomed the idea, especially the tens of thousands 'equality to women.

but divorce, death and inheritance. He has, after all, uncovered the. Under Muslim religious law, divorce of viously agreed dowries; inheritance is divided among children and relatives - the details differ between Christians and Muslims. Civil marriage would effectively do away with these restrictions and take away the power of the religious courts. Inevitably, it would give greater

Tracts are now circulating in Lebanese cities. "Today, it's civil marriage - tomorrow it will be the end of religious courts," they say. The Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri - the premier has to be a Sumi Muslim - has refused to countersign the decree, although the speaker of parliament, Nabi Berri (a Shiite) agrees with Mr Hrawi. There are suspicions that Messrs Berri and Hrawi may even have cooked up the whole crisis to force Mr Hariri to resign - which Mr Hariri has no intention of doing-but they also have the Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, on their side.

Clerics continue to insist on the importance of religious law although its results have often been as preposterous as they are tragic. An old friend of mine who died last year had converted to Isburial in a Christian cemetery by a priest who angrily told his family to find a Muslim grave. The Christian wife of anoth- PDS, meanwhile, are accusing er friend died during the war in the the critics of "Cold War Muslim sector of Beirut; only a Muslim cemetery could be found for her, but the | flying over Berlin represents sheikh refused to bury her - until he had peace and security in a new posthumously converted her to Islam. | Europe.

Berlin airlift divides city again

THE SKIES over Berlin will fill again this summer with flying objects of every kind, in salute of the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. There will be a series of commemorations, including a visit by President Bill Clinton, and a military tattoo performed by the Bundeswehr.

There are also plans, appropriately, for an air display, but this particular event has already hit turbulence. According to the screenplay, an international fleet of hydroplanes will take off from the Wannsee, the lake by which West Berliners cool off on hot days. When the hydroplanes are gone, the main attraction will begin: a fly-past of military hardware.

It is the latter, in particular the precise formation, that has triggered protests. For the organisers felt it necessary to invite not only the representatives of Britain, France, the US and Germany, but also of the extinct Soviet Union and its East German satellite.

The choreography envisages an air force jet with East German markings flying side-byside with the craft of the contemporary - Luftwaffe. They are supposed to be pursued by fighter planes of the four powers which controlled Berlin until German reunification, including a Mig-29 in the colours of the former Evil Empire.

The locals are underwhelmed and the politicians divided. "The participation of the Mig-29 will trigger hostility among many older Berliners," said a Social Democrat spokesman. Yet, the Social Democrats say Russia should be present at the ceremonies.

Their Christian Democrat coalition partners in the regional government are insisting, however, that no Russian local airspace. The left-wing Greens and the post-communist mentality". To them, a Mig

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China frees man held in cage for five years

A MENTALLY ill man has been freed from a cage where he was held for at least five years by police in southern China after stabbing an officer, an official newspaper said.

Photographs published by the Yangcheng Evening News on Sunday showed Deng Qilu being fed through the bars of the coffin-sized cage. Deng, whose plight was publicised by The Independent yesterday, was detained 10 years ago after he stabbed and wounded a police officer — AP, Peking

Bethlehem mayor dies

ELIAS FREIJ, the mayor of Bethlehem, died on Sunday. Freij, 80, died of kidney and heart failure after being admitted to hospital for dialysis. Bethlehem's mayor for 25 years and a Greek Orthodox Christian, Freij was host to an annual Christmas Eve party outside the Church of the Nativity that drew thousands of pilgrims. When Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat set up an autonomous Palestinian government in 1994, Freij became the first Palestinian minister of tourism.

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Pope calls for alms for Cuba

PILGRIMS attending a Holy Thursday mass led by the Pope will be asked to make a donation to buy medicines for the sick in Cuba. The Pope, who recently visited the island, called on the United States to end its embargo against Cuba, insisting that trade bans hurt only the poor and sick .- Reuters, Rome

Norway warned on Rushdie

IRAN has warned that continued contacts between Norwegian officials and Salman Rushdie might further damage relations. The warning was made by a foreign ministry spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi after the Norwegian Prime Minister, Kjell Magne Bondevik, met the writer in Oslo on Friday. Rushdie was visiting Norway to receive an honorary doctorate at Tromso university.

Fall kills Timor rebel chief

THE LEADER of rebels fighting Indonesian rule in East Timor died in an accident on the island, Portugueseradio Antena reported. Konis Santana died after falling into a ravine. Jose Ramos-Horta, exiled East Timor resistance leader and co-winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, confirmed the report. - AP, Lisbor

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Boris Yeltsin: Won't stand for president in 2000

that he is keeping his options open about a third term, Mr Yeltsin - whose presidency has been overshadowed by illbealth - indicated he will stand

and the Communists - who hold nearly a third of the seats - have demanded its withdrawal. A vote is due on Friday.

Minister last year after the previous incumbent was photographed frolicking in a Moscow steam baths with two vomen - has remained close to

Among other things, his agency, then called the FSK. supplied the Kremlin with misleading intelligence about the

services.

The minister, whose apcointment must be approved by parliament, becomes Russia's chief policeman, a role previ-

tentatively aligned himself with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the exprime minister, without giving him unqualified backing.

er candidate stands a chance of

victory, and his health holds up,

he will be under pressure from

the ruling elite to change his

mind. For now, Mr Yettsin has

The sacked prime minister would head the government's election campaign, he said yes-terday, before meeting the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan. "We need a strong leader and, bearing in mind that L so to speak, am not taking part in the elections, we need reinforcements. That is why we rearranged the pieces and put

No tears in Florida as Black Widow goes to the chair

ın Miami

"OLD SPARKY", Florida's 75year-old electric chair, lived up to its name. Smoke wafted from 54-year-old grandmother Judy Buenoano's right leg during the 38 seconds they passed more than 2,000 volts through her body. From behind a glass partition, a dozen witnesses grimaced as the "Black Widow"

She was the first woman executed in Florida since a slave Judy Buenoano: Drowned called Celia was hanged in 1848 for killing her master. Buenoano was also the first woman to be electrocated in the United States since 1957. Most states oow use lethal injections.

Black Widow because she poisooed her husband for life inreturned from Vietnam in the Sevennes. But that murder appeared almost tame compared with the way she killed her teenage son. He was disabled, wearing leg braces, when she took him oo a canoe trip, dumped him over the side and heavy braces dragged him down and he drowned. She collected \$125,000 (about £80,000) in insurance money, claiming the drowning was accidental.



son to get insurance money

She also killed a boyfriend with arsenic and tried to blow home-made car bomb, in both A prosecutor dubbed her the cases after taking oot life insurance polices on them. She changed her name to the Hissurance money after he panic version, Buenoano, which means "good year" after her husband, Air Force Sergeant James Goodyear, died.

Perhaps as a result of the nanote of her crimes, there was lif- to catch fire. It was suspended the outcry in Florida or anywhere for a year after one death row else over taking Buenoano's inmate, Leo Jones, challenged life. Unlike Karla Faye Tucker, its constitutionality, saying it in Texas last month, the Black al punishment". The state's Widow was not photogenic, gave Supreme Court disagreed and few interviews and did not seek. Jones was electrocuted last clemency appeals.

According to witnesses, in chiding police officers, Florida state officials and journalists, she was led into the death chamber at 7.02 am on Monday. A microphone in the chamber allowed the witnesses to hear a prison official ask her if she had any final statement. "No, sir," she replied in a whisper. She then closed her eyes and kept them closed, wincing as the leather straps were tightened on "Old Sparky", which is so nicknamed because its victims had been known to catch fire. The current was switched on at 7.08 and left on for 38 seconds. The witnesses said a puff of smoke drifted from her right leg. At 7.13 a up another boyfriend with a prison official checked her pulse and pronounced her dead.

> Supreme Court had rejected her final appeal for ciemency, in which she described the electric chair as "barbaric ... belonging to Frankenstein's laboratory" Florida has twice stopped using the chair after victims appeared

A day earlier, Florida's



worldwide support for her week Another murderer is due | Game plan: Bill Clinton out on the trail of elephants in the Chobe game reserve in northern Botswana. The president and his wife Hillary are on to die in the chair this morning. | safari as part of a three-day holiday in their six-nation African tour Photograph: Rick Wilking/Reuters

Dentist seizes defaulter's teeth

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Pizzeria owner Ridha Bouhlal has not been able to sample his wares for four months because a dentist is holding his false teeth in lieu of payment. For four months I've been living on pasta and soup," Mr Bouhlal was yesterday quoted us saying by the Swedish newspaper, Svenska Dagblada.

Mr Bouhlal, of Kungsoe, 75 miles west of Stockholm, decided in 1996 to have his removable dentures replaced with false teeth attached to screws implanted in the jaw. His restaurant was doing well and he foresaw no problem paying the bill of . . about £3,125. However, his restaurant receipts began falling. When he went in for the final adjustment to the implants in the lower jaw, the dentist took out the teeth, fearing the hill might not be paid.

Mr Bouhlal is not eligible for help from social welfare because he is a private businessman and assistance could be considered by competing pizzerias as unfair, a social services official said. But Olof Edbag, an official at the national welfare board, disagreed. "Everybody should have functioning teeth in Sweden," he said.

Turks rattle scimitar as Europe puts out welcome mat for Cyprus

By Katherine Butler in Brussels

TURKEY accused the EU yesterday of helping to escalate military tension in the eastern Mediterranean after a ceremony in Brussels marked the formal opening of membership talks with the divided island of Cyprus.

As 26 European foreign ministers representing the Union's present and future members gathered to launch the negotiations, Greek Cypriots were in celebratory mood.

Bouzonki music wafted out of a Cypriot marquee in froot of EU headquarters while the members of the public queued for samples of pulled out of UN-sponsored peace the fact that military agreements exist "Cypriot delight" and "Aphrodite"

wine from the island's Paphos region. nation which has not been put on the Cyprus) parallel to those between But in the Turkish capital, Ankara, the move to bestow EU member-in-waitprovocation which will cement the par- the Greek-Cypriot administration as the tition of the island and increase the representative of the whole island con- said the offer of places for Turkish-Cypri-

bid, Turkey has warned that it will com- could be very dangerous."

threat of military conflict. Furious at be-stitutes the first step towards escalation of representatives in Nicosia's negotiing sidelined in its own EU membership in the eastern Mediterranean which

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Cyprus; the Turkish Cypriots have

In menacing terms Mr Cem added:

No one should be in any doubt about

This marks the first step towards escalation in the eastern Mediterranean ... It could be very dangerous'

talks in protest. Voicing the anger of a hetween us (Turkey and northern Turkey's Foreign Minister, Ismail Cem, ing status on Cyprus was greeted as a said: "The fact that the EU is treating

same footing as Romania, or Slovakia. Greece and the Greek-Cypriot administration. Our enemies as well as our

friends should be aware of this." In Brussels the British EU presidency ating team remained open. And Cypriot oegotiators, who begin detailed talks with a special EU expansioo task force today, denied intending a provo-

"We cannot under any circumstances accept that opening EU negotiations is an aggravation. This will benefit all of Cyprus," said Giorgos Vassiliou, the chief negotiator.

The crisis over Cyprus may overshadow negotiations for the five most advanced Central and Eastern European states which begin in detail today.

Negotiators from Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Slovenia will be given full details of the demands they must comply with to be admitted early in the next century.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. chairing the two-day launch, said the meeting was a milestone. "We are finally overcoming the cruel and unnatural division of our continent" he said,

Immigrants crash

truck into UN

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Fourteen Indonesian immigrants demanding political asylum crashed a lorry through the main gate of the United Nations refugee agency in the Malaysian capital yesterday to avoid deportation. The dramatic entry on to diplomatic soil was the latest chapter in Malaysia's troubled efforts to repatriate thousands of immigrants who have filled detention centres.

A representative of an Indonesian rights group said all 14 were from Aceh province, in Sumatra island, the scene of n separatist revolt which peaked in the early 1990s.

According to official figures, eight Indonesians from Aceb were killed last Thursday during a mass deportation operation carried out by Malaysian police. However, there are reports that at least 39 died either during the operation or of injuries suffered during the deportation. The Acehnese say they fear persecution if they return home, and the UNHCR said it was studying requests from the Indonesians in its compound for refugee status. Police said they would not enter the UN compound as it is diplomatic territory.

The UNHCR is due to hold talks with Foreign Ministry officials in Knala Lumpur today.

Primary colours bring homesick Japanese flocking to the Potomac riverside

MAGINE what embarrassing footprints your book receipts might leave if something like Dating for Dummies or How to cheat your boss turned up along with that treatise oo American foreign policy. Hardly surprising then that a collective shudder has gone through Washington with the news that detectives are sifting through records of Monica Lewinsky's purchases at two of DC's trendier bookshops. Monica, you will remember, was the recipieot of a copy of Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass inscribed by Bill Clinton - President Bill Clinton. Her own tastes, it appears, are more corporeal.

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One documented buy was Vox, by Nicholas Baker, described as a "thin novel of phooe sex

that goes on in Tehran or Bashdad, not in the land of the First Amendment

OU would not have thought Washington DC and Kyoto would have much in common. But as March cedes to April, ooe of the US capital's minor miracles comes to pass; the cherry trees come into full bloom around the Tidal Basin, and the pale hlue water reflects a palette of pinks and reds. Local television and newspapers forecast when between two smart him the blossom show will reach its small, private rebellion against the world of yardsales and obsessive windles. The Assopeak and, if the weekend is the diktat of the new, according to which a good American world, where people do not josthe blossom show will reach its

said that searching through visitors processes slowly feels perpetually obliged to receipts was the kind of thing around the driveway. If it's tolerably warm as well, homesick Japanese settle among the fallen petals to picnic, making for a little Kyoto-on-Potomac.

> USED to find it strange that my (American) husband's Manhattan cousin should so delight in frequenting flea-markets and yardsales, a passion pursued also oo holidays in Europe. After a year in Washington, I understand perfectly. To patronise fleamarkets and private yardsales is an act of sedition. It is a small, private rebellion against

remodel and refurnish - so providing jobs and profits for a whole lot more Americans.

Dazzled by so maoy colours, styles and qualities of everything - but of a sameness and clumsiness that makes you yearn for Ikea, I, too, can now be found scanning the columns of the Washington Post for the weekend's yardsales and setting off for the lawns of the nearer suburbs. So, while most of Washingtoo is milling round the shopping centres, I am rooting around outdoors among their cast-offs.

The world of yardsales and

thank you and stop to discuss the latest book or film, their children and their schools. There is room for bargaining - but not too much. And in the fleamarkets, at least, blacks and whites buy and sell side by side, watching out for each other and teasing in the way market people do, but which white and

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T'S a funny thing about the US capital, but you sometimes feel that - in contrast to New York or London or Paris - people are only halfurbanised. They drive slowly and erratically without much

wise find so difficult.

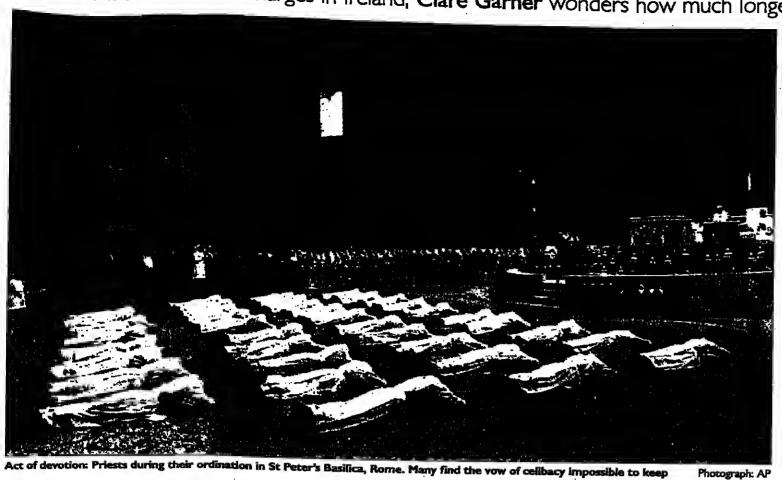
plus is that they are not usually competitive, London-style. Competition is oo the pavements. On Loodon's shopping streets there is scarcely space to walk, let alone face some-

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one down. On Washington's grid of thoroughfares, eye contact is used for one purpose only: to get someone else out of your way. To diverge from your trajectory is to lose face. You "diss" (show disrespect to) someooc, or get "dissed"; the connotations can be cultural, social, racial. It doesn't make for relaxing

FOURE probably fed up by now of hearing L about Primary Colors, the film that imitates (low) life on the road to the Clinton White House and has not arrived yet in Britain. But in Washington, where it has just opened, it is the social experience of the week.

Cinemas are packed and audience participation is raucous. The loudest appreciation for the many one-liners is reserved for trouble-shooter Libby's retort to the would-be President. "I wished we'd castrated you when we had the chance," which is greeted by a chorused roar of "Yeah!" and As clerics face sex abuse charges in Ireland, Clare Garner wonders how much longer the Catholic Church can avoid facing up to reality



The priests who fell to Earth

BARELY a week goes by with- responsible for handling the out more lurid headlines reminding us of the depressingly sordid side of the Roman Catholic Church. This week sometimes I have to." five members of a Catholic order will appear in Galway dis-trict court facing a total of 76

charges of abuse. something's going to come in the morning post or newspapers," admitted Christopher Budd, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Portsmouth, who is

problem of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. "I don't read the News of the World, but

Yesterday the Christian Brothers, an international Roman Catholic teaching order, came clean about the sexual "All of us sit in dread that abuse which has been going on for years in its schools in Ireland. In a national newspaper advertisement, it apologised to abuse and were not listened to".

The notion of not being listened to will undoubtedly strike a chord with other victims of abuse by clergy in this country. All too often, the Church's response to sexual abuse allegations is to hope they will go away. Priests are quietly sent off for treatment or moved to another parish. They are not struck off.

Much of the sexual abuse involving clergy occurs in a counselling cootext. Anyone who leans on their parish priest is entitled to feel that he, of all people, should understand the boundaries of the therapeutic relationship. He has, after all, taken a vow of celibacy. But if the boundaries are crossed and a relationship develops, in many cases the Church refuses to accept vicarious responsibility.

Mary Edwardes, an advocacy worker for the Abuse in Therapy and Counselling Support Network, finds fighting cases involving clergy the hardest of all because the Church is so obstructive. "If I take someone to the British Association of Counselling and they find someone guilty, they are struck off. It's a pro-active investigation. With the Church; the situation is no better than with unregistered astrology counsellors," she says.

"How long can one go on saying that the Church is not responsible when it makes every other decision which relates to these men's lives? It just moves them to another parish. That is putting other people at risk."

One of Ms Edwardes' clients is Pamela Brown, 43, who turned to her parish priest, Father Terence Fitzpatrick, for counselling about sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of her father. Fr Fitzpatrick, who had accompanied Ms Brown to see the psychologist who had been treating her for mental problems brought on by the abuse, proceeded to coax her into having sexual contact with him.

He has admitted in police statements that Ms Brown's allegations were essentially true, yet Ms Edwardes cannot get the Church to assume any responsibility for the damage inflicted on her client. Fr Fitzpatrick is still practising as a priest in four parishes in the Reading area.

The Church has argued the legal aspect of "conscoting adults", but last week Bishop Budd commented oo the Fitzpatrick case. "I would share your alarm," be said. "Whatever diocese it is may well think: "It's not children', but we have to be very careful because a lot of adult women are very vulnerable, particularly if they've been abused themselves. I'm surprised he's still in the ministry. As a bishop, I would hope to be more interventionist - get him out of the diocese. He obviously needs help, as indeed does the woman.

"I suppose we've learnt the hard way that abusers don't tend to change if you just move

What action should the Church be taking in terms of treating the known perpetrators -and is there such a thing as a cure for abusing clergyman? Ray Wyre has looked at the problems of sexual abuse as they

relate to the clergy. He was the director of the pioneering and controversial Gracewell Clinic, Britain's only residential centre for sex offenders, in Birmingham, and has devoted his career to working with men like the notorious child murderer. Robert Black. Mr Wyre is internationally recognised for his work with sex offenders, religious and

Ooe of the key reasons why the problem of sexual abuse is so acute in the Catholic Church is, Mr Wyre believes, the celibacy rule. Celibacy, he says, should be voluntary. "Priests who were sexually abused as boys see celibacy as a place of safety, but sooo discover that they are not going to escape the problem in that way. There is a persocality type which likes the concept of never laying with anyooe," he said.

"Celibacy is about a choice and a decision about sexuality, not a denial. The moment you repress and decy there can be a problem of how it leaks out. I talk about 'fantasy leakage'. al fantasies leak out in the context of women. A lot of priests, once they start to fail sexually, take the attitude once I fail I might as well fail'. They target women and children."

Mr Wyre believes that some direct instruction at seminaries about the difficulties surrounding sexuality would also help. "You can still train to be



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Ray Wyre, who has counselled abusing priests, believes celibacy should be voluntary

a priest without sexuality and celibacy being discussed. Theological colleges should be looking at the issues surrounding boundaries and counselling."

Mr Wyre is astounded by some of the attitudes to sexual sin that he comes across. " You have people in the Church who think masturbation is a greater sin than having a relationship with a child.

Bishop Budd agrees with Mr Wyre that sexually abusing priests are ultimately better served by treatment in a secular, rather than religious, setting. "I think, at a certain stage, the priest has to face quite bluntly without the cushioning of faith or religion - what he has done."

And in a radical departure from the Church's position in the past, Bishop Budd suggested that abusing priests should pay the price of their ministry. "At the end of the day, someone who has an active faith and wants to discover it in a wholesome fashion has to show repentance. For a priest, that may be to say 'I'll give up my ministry "

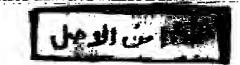
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is the cruellest month

The joys of spring can bring nothing but misery if you suffer from depression, writes Virginia Ironside

changes on the burnished dove; In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," wrote Tennyson. But there is a group for whom spring is a time of dread and whose minds turn more to suicide than love they are depressives.

No one knows why there are more sulcides in the spring than at any other time of the year, or why agony aunts' post-bags are bulging and psychia-trists' diaries are full. There is vague talk of a change of light having a depressive effect; others feel that the gulf between reality and the depressive mind widens wheo spring comes. may be understandably de-Everything may be full of hope, pressed and could be helped but this can make the depres-

sive feel worse oot better. exception of sufferers from SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), who look forward to the healing sunlight of a oewyear, spring can be a difficult time for those one in 20 people with a

"IN THE Spring, a livelier iris tendency to depression. But what help can they expect if they go to see their doctor? These days, most psychiatrists agree that there isn't just one answer. They try to treat depression on three froots: through counselling or cognitive therapy, change in circumstance, or medical intervention.

Counselling or cognitive therapy may belp patients get to the root of the depression and sadness and find the tools to fight it oo their own. A change in circumstances - a single parent whose father has just died and whose child has Down's Syndrome, for example, with extra care.

The other form of treatment As a consequence, with the is anti-depressants. Many people baulk at a chemical cure, but if you take 100 people with depression and give them anti-depressants, 70 will make a good recovery. Their reinctance is partly because they do



Photograph: John Lawrence

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unpleasant side-effects.

not really understand these drugs. We take antibiotics if we have a sceptic throat, we gobble down painkillers if we hurt, but anti-depressants confuse us and, it must be added, confuse a lot of GPs.

This is partly due to the fact that we confuse non-addictive anti-depressants with addictive tranquillisers (which are quite a different hall game), and partly because there appear to be so many of them - 28 different medicines licensed for use as anti-depressants, to be

In the Seventies and Eighties, there was a great deal of prejudice about anti-depressants. Since ooe of the symptoms of depression is that "everything is my fault", people flocked to counsellors to try to sort oot it out.

Counselling can be excellent, cure a depression with a chemical base. Any depression, with its classic symptoms of sleep problems, waking up in the morning feeling frightful and improving during the day, loss of sexual interest, a feeling that life is pointless, is really worth trying to treat medically.

I am a jangling mess of daily medication - a cocktail of five different drugs and eight pills a day - but the medication stops me from feeling suicidal. You may oot have to take the tablets for more thao six months, but it's absolutely crazy

not to give them a whirl. In fact, there are only a few basic families of anti-depressants and it is worth remembering that nooe of them work by adding anti-depressant chemicals to the brain alone.

The symptoms of depressioo are thought to be caused by some natural brain chemicals, noradrenaline and serotonin, becoming underactive. Anti-depressants work by in-creasing the level of these chemicals in the brain, or decreasing others. They usually take between two and three weeks to work, so it is worth persisting with them.

but no amount of talking can is oo point just giving up oo anti-depressants altogether, because an anti-depressant that lifts one person's depression might have no effect on another sufferer.

> Since GPs have only got a basic knowledge of what is available, it is worth asking for a referral to a psychiatrist if what the GP prescribes doesn't work, simply because he or

she knows their subject so much better.

Sometimes a depressed persoo may be given a cocktail of the drugs described on the right, one of which may work to enhance the action of the other.

Lithium is usually prescribed for cases of manic depression, wheo people feel incredibly low for a few months and theo go into a manic high, often resulting in over-spending, high sex-drive, or wild ideas for oew and totally impractical oew husinesses. If you have bihium, your mood swings should lessen - but you will need regular blood tests to make sure the

If the anti-depressive drugs fail, there is always ECT -Electro-Convulsive Therapy. Again, people cringe at the But if they don't work, there thought of it, imagining that they will be in the hands of mad

dosage you are on continues to

doctors who will shoot volts of ANTI-DEPRESSANTS electricity through their brains wheo they doo't know what they're doing. Up to a point, this is true - because they don't

know what they are doing. But the other truth is that wheo someooe is so unreachable or acutely depressed that all other treatmeots have failed, ECT can have miraculous effects. A frieod of mine who suf-

fered from post-puerperal psychosis and was, quite simply, a zombie, had a few shots and was back to her old energetic self within weeks. With the aid of muscle relaxants, the only convulsions may involve a couple of toes twitching. Any memory loss is oearly always short term.

This treatment works for eight out of 10 people and requires a patieot's written coosent, unless he or she is so bad that relatives need to sign oo their behalf.

Tricyclic anti-depressants: Amitriptilyne (Tryptizol); imipramioe (Tofranil); clomipramine (Anafranil); Dothiepin (Prothiadeo): Lofepramine (Gamanil). These have been around for about 30 years and are sometimes giveo for anxiety or to help people sleep. SSRIs - selective seratonin reuptake inhibitors: Fluvoxamine (Faverio); sertraline (Lustral); paroxetine (Seroxat); fluoxetine (Prozac). These anti-depressants have only been available in the UK since 1988. They can be used to treat eating disorders as well as depressioo. Prozac is

the most famous, but though

some people, it may have oo

it works marvellously for

MÀOIs — monoamine oxidase inhihitors: Isocarboxazid (Marplan); phenelzine (Nardil); tranyleypromine (Parnate). These have been available for ahout 30 years and work by deactivating an enzyme in the braio called mocoamine oxidase. They also affect other parts of the body, so it is wise not to cat anything with tyramine in it, such as

pickled herrings, caviar. Marmite, Chiaoti, or cheese or broad bean pods. Other anti-depressants: Ventafaxine (Efexor); L-trytophan (Optimax), a naturally occurring chemical that we all take in small quantities in our diet; and flupenthixol (Fluanxol), a major tranquilliser which also acts as an anti-depressant.

Itchy rashes and sticky moments



DR PHIL HAMMOND

OF LATE, readers have been sending me a considerable number of problems and queries. Alas, I haven't got time to answer them in person, but I'm quite prepared to pad out the occasional column with those selected at random from a large, homemade 10mbola I keep under the stairs.

I've developed a rash of small blisters around my body hair and it itches like mad. Could this be anything to do with the jacuzi at my health club?

Monty, Bath Yes, Monty, it could, but I'd need to see it to be sure. It sounds like you've got what President Clinton might call "hot-tub folliculitis". This is an infection of the hair follicles caused by pseudomonas, a bacteria which thrives in poorly chlorinated whirlpools. Get the management to check the levels and avoid the hot tub if it looks cloudy. On the other band, it may be caused by a fungus or staphylococcus and have nothing to do with your bealth club. Either way, you need treatment, so pop along toyour GP. Alternatively, you can fax me your rash on 0171 293 2451.

In theory, yes. To keep ticking over, your the process allowing yourself to make a is on BBC2 tonight at 8pm.

body burns off a mammoth 65 calories an hour when you're asleep, so provided your daily consumption doesn't exceed this (ie 1,560 calories per 24 hours), you'll lose weight. However, there is a downside to spending all your life in bed (muscle wasting, pressure sores, pneumonia, body odour, etc) and at the very least, you'd have to pay someone to turn you at regular intervals. I'd recommended interspersing your slumber with a bit of light movement.

I've got asthma, so I have switched from feather-filled pillows to synthetic ones, like I was told to by my GP. Trouble is, I'm even more wheezy now. Why?

Sally, Glasgow The theory behind the switch was that feathers make asthma worse for some patients. Unfortunately, we now know you're more likely to be worse on a synthetic nillow because the house-dust mite, which triggers many attacks, prefers manmade bedding. So, switch back.

I suffer dreadfully from premature ejaculation and I think my girlfriend may have noticed. Any suggestions?

Colin, Bishop's Lydiard Well, Colin, some partners like it quick because it avoids all that nasty grunting business - so it may not be a problem at all. Indeed, the 1978 Hitc Report of 11,239 meo found that 21 per cent come within a minote and a further 62 per cent before five. If you do want to proloog the agony, you will have to increase your tolerance to sexual excitement. "Holding back "usually doesn't work, unless you can conjure op a particularly vivid picture of Jimmy Nail, and penis-training is generally called for. The following method was described by a bloke called Semans (I kid you not). All you need is a partner and some lubrication.

1) Ask your partner to bring you to the brink manually. When this point is reached, ask her to squeeze tight just underneath the glans (or cherry, as we doctors call it). When the urge has gone, relax and repeat mess on the fourth go (you can try this alone, too)

2) Repeat the above using a lubricant such as as KY jelly to simulate vaginal intercourse. A blindfold belos, too.

3) Use this stop/start method for intercourse with your partner oo top. Put your hands oo her hips to guide her motions, stopping wheo you're oearly there. Again, let go oo the fourth occasion. With time and training, your "brink interval" will increase and you'll feel confident to start thrusting again. Note: The Semans method works best if you both have a sense of humour and worst if only one of you has.

Does black coffee sober you up? Jane, London

Yes and no. Caffeine is a stimulant that increases your alertness but it is also, like alcohol, a diuretic (ie: makes you pee) and can make your dehydration worse. Contrary to popular belief, it does nothing to speed up the breakdown of alcohol in your blood - it takes an hour to metabolise each glass of winc or half pint of normal strength beer - so you can't drive for at least 12 hours after a session, no matter how many double espressos you've had.

Why does my doctor go "Pop" all the time? Suzy, Birmingham I presume you mean say "pop" rather than flatulate loudly. Pop is perhaps the most overused word in medicine. Look, I even used it in my first answer. An average morning surgery would include "Pop behind the curtains", "Pop up onto the couch", "Til just pop in the thermometer/speculum/other cold piece of metal", "Pop to the loo", "Pop the sample into receptioo" and "Pop back in a week's time". I've no idea why we do it, but you should be thankful you've got a GP who speaks to you at all.

Please doo't send any more problems to Dr Phil at The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, Loodon E145DL

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Ordinary objects of desire

Joseph Cornell's discarded, familiar items aren't just a load of old rubbish, they represent an ongoing theme of the art of the artless, writes Richard D North

JOSEPH CORNELL made a name for himself half a century ago as a man who most mined his own rather limited life, but also his quite small world - New York and its suburbs - for shards of memory, scraps of equipment. A broken wine glass, a portion of electrical plug, a bit of a map: these were things made redundant by progress or abuse, which he treasured and presented to us because they trigger a reflection.

Joseph Cornell's Vision of Spiritual Order (Reaktion Books, 20 April, £14.95) by Lindsay Blair, a committed Cornellite, shows how he turned these items into something which was quite like art, but the value of which to its audience was to do with it being artless. He seemed to be saying that one might order onese'f, and especially get to grips with the transa indental, by being careful about the contents of one's dustbin.

This is a sort of work which is very resocant just oow. When Damieu Hirst meot is done with fetishistic care. shows us his pharmacists' cupboards of mind-enhancing drugs, he is casually reminding us to look carefully at the dreams - and the life-a oidance strategies which lie within these clinical bits of furniture. The surp ise arises because one doesn't usually look in a shopfroot or a clinic for visual clues about the big issues.

Hirst may seem heartless as well as artless, but the effect remains a substantial jolt. The device reminds us of 17th-century stilllifes, and especially those trompe l'oeils of letter-boards to which are taped and pinned the lucky hands of cards, the tradesmen's bills, the scrawled notes in which our successes and failures and hopes and fears are also flagged up. It is seen in still-lifes, whose of close inspection of the ordinary. Nicholas Volley's work at the Browse and Darby gallery (19 Cork Street, London W1, until boued, jolly sort of way which would only have slightly startled a 17th or 18th-century still-life painter.

The Albemarle Gallery (49 Albemarle Street, London W1) opens a show of trompe l'ocil by Eleoa and Michel Gran (2-25 April), a French paloting team who depict maps and playing cards and much other detritus of a cod-Medieval and early modern world, and though the joke of these seems a little overdone, and the painting a little sentimeotal, some of them hit the spot, as though a memory had been stirred by a sudden waft of perfume. The show will be followed on the same walls by glamorous, glowing paintings by the Bosnian, Mersad Berber (30 April-23 May), in which trempe l'oeils of collages make visual puns, agaio to perhaps overheated effect, but to effect nonetheless.

Cornell concentrated on objects rather

than painting, but the point is the same. He produced "dossiers" which were accumulations of files, a bit like a child's scrapbook in purpose. And then there were his "boxes", which are most like art, because they have a front and a frame. The found objects within make us wonder what they meant to the artist. And the supposition is that Cornell had a half subversive thought that he might force us to consider what such things mean to us, oever minding why he lighted on them.

There is something in the air now which makes such work doubly powerful. We know well enough that scrapbooks and collage and découpage have been the nearly artistic activity of ordinary people for generations. Our window ledges and office desks have always been littered with objects which acquire a talismanic quality, and whose arrangement and rearrange-

Nabokov wrote about the psychotic eod of this sort of obsessiveness, an exquisite over-refinement of feeling and selfawareoess which shades into depravity. Lindsay Blair's account of Cornell makes one think he might well have been a pillor-three short of a happy bunny. Like the Surrealists he admired, he was infused with ideas about exploring the subcouscious. The idea of a freefall through associations mattered. He held himself together by making little alters of the humdrum, small sacraments of preservation. Meutal chaos was soothed by listing and assembling things and ideas, by making a taxooomy of litter.

But even those who think of themselves power comes from the transforming force as robustly well or normal can be touched by this stuff. There is now a quite strong - often suspect - revolt against the Modern, and perhaps against the western. It our admiration of images such as those in The Art of Holy Russia at the Royal Academy (until 14 June). These must be the most artistically intelligent, various and stylish of any collection of icons, and yet they remain - by the highest Western standards - inadequate technically, tending to the monotonous, and excessively stylised. They move us, though partly because they remied us of a traditioo in which not artfulness, but seriousness of purpose, is admired, Icons are intended for worship not scrutiny, for adoration out criticism. That wrong-foots us: it's our absence of prayer, oot the painter's absence of genius that

we must address. That's true of this entire genre: Hirst or Cornell are admired only for what they choose to show us, and the effect they create in us, not really for their arrangement or depiction. They join the icon painter in



Le Château de Cartes' by Elena and Michel Gran, French painters who depict the detritus of a cod-Medieval world

Photograph: Albemarie Gallery

conveying a message and invoking a response. If any of them were more intellectually or technically accomplished - or it showed - they might be less effective.

It is tempting to see much of this tendency as dim-witted or cowardly. But there is something solid, too, in our nostalgia for an age of faith, but also for an age which had the luxury of leaving old things around. There are physical as well as religious or cultural traditions we fear we should not have junked. Sometimes, we simply recreate them, nervously. Prince Charles' Poundbury (Some first stage

The Roundhouse.

Whitechapel Gallery

houses remain: C G Fry and Sons, 01305 257267) is a rather good architectural ensemble. If his architectural dossier, his collage, is a bit comical, isn't it better than

ammerhead cul-de-sacs? So many of us now, thank goodness, have new things around us that we are bound to place a premium on the sura and the pating which only long use confers on the old. Country Living has just published a guide to Architectural Salvage centres called "Reclaim and Restore" (in associ-

ation with SALVO, 01890 820333) It lists Bailey's, a household fittings store at Ross-on-Wye, outside which there's an old bicycle, rotting in a camp and disingenuous way among the wrought iron features oo sale. This is salesmanship of a high order. The place sells many newthings, but they are presented in the manner of an architectural salvage depot. The baths, the tables, mantles are designed to go into the kind of houses in which expensive kitcheo units come ready "distressed". The window of L'Occitane, the scap shop in Regent Street, and the products within, are designed to evoke an age of "proper" ironmongers, of enamel

and wood, to recall memories of carbolic while erasing the chilblains.

All this is as easy to seed up as Andy Goldsworthy sheep-fold, which is ao more than dry stone walling with attitude. Ofteo eoough, uostalgia is merely cowardly, "spirituality" merely selfserving, the artless merely a con. But it's hard not to admit the force of much of this iconographic material. Our civilisatioo has always played around with these themes. But it has seldom made such a fabulous assault on the familiar. A reaetion was inevitable.

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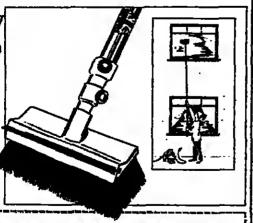
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At home with the Ideal World Exhibition 'liya & Emilia Kabakov -The Palace of Projects':

Whitechapel Open. Peter Mandelson, making the opening speech, was reminded of his Dome. He'd just had a tour of The Palace of Projects - a labyrinthine structure created by Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, in the Roundhouse at Chalk Farm. And perhaps he was right to be reminded. Who knows yet? For us listening to his words last week, the most obvious point of similarity was that, Examples. A proposal for with the Palace, as with the Greenwich Dome, Mr Man-

delson found the experience "impossible to describe". It is not, but it would take a while to tell it all. The Palace, an Artangel project, represents three years' work by the Russian husband-and-wife team. It's a piece of indoor architecture, a round white two-storey block, which rises in a snail-curi under the roof of the old theatre, like a DIY version of some optimistic blueprint of early modernism. Go inside, and you're in

a network of rooms, divided by

walls made of a sort of solid

gauze, semi-transparent, so that

visibility spreads into the adjoining chambers and gradually fades.

You walk through, as if in a mist. And inside every room the Kabakovs have placed a handful of "projects": wooden desks to sit at, on each a sheet of paper with a written proposal (plus diagrams), and an illustrative 3D model, scale or actual size, nearby. The proposals outline useful schemes for improving things and the scope is wide - the mind, the home, society, the planet, the cosmos, It's an Ideal World Exhibition.

"The Punishment of Household Objects", to take out your grievances on the manimate world a curtained-off "black corner" where "guilty" pots and buckets can be stood. Or there's "What else can be said about this?", a proposal to encourage public reflection: a glove, say, is placed on the ground, and lecterns placed around it, each with a different meditation on

It's clear, of course, that these plans are improbable, or impractical, or wholly impossible-frankly a bit mad. The proposals are written in a tone of naive certainty and helpfulness. There are references to the "noosphere" and the harnessing of mysterious "energies". The models are constructed with enthusiastic, makeshift wonkiness,

and the schemes themselves are often of the string-and-cardboard variety. Each project is credited to a (fictional) Russian citizen as if

the results of a competition for to the spirit of optimism. It must

pulse generally. These things are lightly mocked - but at the same time honoured. The Palace of Projects is a

work in praise of human wishes, while alive to the ways a single bright idea can cause more problems than it solves and easily grow into tumbledown megalomania. It's a monument

It's a work in praise of human wishes. while alive to the ways a bright idea can cause more problems than it solves

have entered cranks' heaven. Is believed. this some kind of satire? Is it just Not quite either. It's certainly

very funny, and the Kabakovs are presumably taking a poke at old Soviet-style designs for world betterment, and at the abiding Russian interest in word science, in parapsychology and what they call cosmology (meaning something much more sapernatural than it does in the West), and at the utopian im-

amateur inventors. You seem to be seen to be believed, and dis-

THE Whitechapel Opeo is open. Open shows are good. They have the minimum of overall agenda, being a collision between the miscellaneous works submitted and the various tastes of the selectors. And they flagrantly put art-works in competition with each other, not only for selection, but (once chosen) for the attention and favour of the viewer. So, compared with solo shows and proactively curated shows, the viewer feels much more in charge of

the experience. This is good. That's the hope anyway, and this biennial exhibition always promises well. This year, it's spread over three places - the Whitechapel Gallery itself, The Tanner in Bermondsey and various sites around Canary Wharf. Work of every sort by about 130 artists is ou view. It should be various at least.

It is and it isn't. And thinking about agendas, didn't I read one of the selectors saying that they went for anything that made them laugh? It does look that way. There are some sober works here, but Novelty Shop is the dominant impression.

Ilya & Emilia Kabakov - The Palace of Projects: The Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road (Tue-Sun 12-8pm, last admission 7pm) Until 10 May. £5, £3 CONCL

Whitechapel Open, Whitechapel Gallery, Whitechapel High St (11-Tue-Sun), The Tannery, 57 Bermondsey St (12-6, Tue-Sun); at Canary Wharf (12-5, Wed-Sun). Until 31 May Admission

Tom Lubbock

Racing's futures market

Punters attracted by Rough odds

THE BEST that can be said al qualification for Aintree. At about yesterday's declarations least in this case there is proof makers now betting "non runfor Saturday's Grand National that the horse in question, is that there are a lot of them. Rough Quest, the winner two With 50 left in at the five-day years ago, can jump round the stage the race could have the Aintree circuit. maximum-allowed field of 40 of Party Politics, 1992.

run in the Cheltenham Gold Cup on their last outing, there

GOING: Flat - Good to Soft, Jumps - Good.

Even the favourite was a fall- ning their hopes on the soft- the 10-1 now on offer, while Similarly undecided is Gor- First show er last time out - not the ide- ground performers."

The weather too is in his for the first time since the year favour with more showers forecast for the Liverpool area to But as for quality, despite the keep the ground - currently top five in the handicap having good to soft, but soft in places

- on the easy side for the race. "Rough Quest has been by is a marked absence of horses far the best backed horse in the in form. Of the 50, a total of 12 National in the last two days," have the letter P denoting their Simon Clare, of Coral, said. "In most recent performance - and geoeral, the betting public are work this morning, is more in his work over the weekeod it is not for showing promise. trusting the forecasts and pin-

Derren Mollet (5) 5

GOING: Flat - Good to Soft, Jumps - Good.

STALLS: Stands side.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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ner - no bet" this is probably RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP:]] Baboo (Newcastle 2.10) NB: Stephensons Rocket (Nottingham 4.10)

the best time to take a price about some of the leading conshorter odds come Saturday.

Certainly Rough Quest, who does his last piece of serious likely to start at 6-1 or 7-1 than and I wanted him checked out."

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reot price of 14-1 oo Saturday.

Time For A Run is the most appealing of the Irish trio, but his participation remains in doubt. "I will know tomorrow," Edward O'Grady, his trainer, testants that are sure to be at said yesterday "I will bave to speak to the owner, J P Mc-Manus. The vet was here today because the horse was a bit flat

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longer journey. Hels also viscred for the first time today. Galestian is going the right way so he's not out of it, while Joe Buzz and Kris Green should make their presence felt. Joe Buzz faced a tough task in the Sandown novice handloop won by Montroe but worth looky enough first time over hurdles at Market Rasen, Kris Green firstend a distant fourth behind from Silk on his hurdles debut at Market Rasen but went on to best a big field, in-Newcastle 2.20 Calico Lady 4.00 Apache Raider 4.30 Khalik 2.50 Kris Green (nb) 3.25 Westcourt Magic 5.05 Dally Boy

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4	112-25	STATE OF CAUTION (S) (JI C Freewell) D Straw 59 15	Feeding 9 V
3	04000	JENNELLE (362 (D) Gás JA Cormed C Dayer 4 811	D / tolerad 6
8	-20240	GADGE (5) (C) (J 8 Wilcook A Saley 7 9 8.	D Wright 5
7		SALLY GREEN (182) (D) (X V Startborg) C Well 49 7	
8	00040-	JUST BOB (144) (CD) (J Fatherby) 8 Kellevel 9 9 8P	Fredericks (7) 1
9	10500-	SWINO (130) (D) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evens 491	JF Eggn 4
10	0-4114	DEPTECIATE (5) (II) (an Armiage) T O Barron 598	K Darter 2
11	30020-	JACKERIN (217) (0) (J B Young B Rollmel 3 8 10	M Straton &
12	00013-	MUNICO PARK (140 (CD) (SF) (Mrs H M Cert) Mrs J Parmsdon 4 89 _	J Fortune 12
19	30400-	AMPION (194) (CD) (Floy Posties) J Berry 11 88.	P Fessey (3) 10

1 Salfy Green, 11-1 Acroin, Tresser Tootch, 14-1 Jennelle, Lego Di Verano, Serios, 15-1 Jent Bob, 25-1 Jecteth;
1997. Amoun 19 8 7 N Carlste 10-1 (J Serry) desen (f) 14 ran
FORM GUIDSE

Amoun won last year's race by three and a half lengths, but he distrit have to contand with horses that had been in action at Doncaster, this timing fourth to Proud Native, but he ran well, intercholese, and meets the Doncaster and he's also another year older. Depreciate wearth cube on an extension of the same containty be given a chance of doing so after test week's effort. Gedge, who fineled seventh in the same contest, is another yet to win at five and would be easier to lancy if they had an extra furiong to over here. In contrast to State Of Caution and Gadge, WESTCOURTY MARICC is over his ideal destance after firshing fifth of 22 behind Alveys Algris at Doncaster (5). The estra give in the ground here will help and Mick Easterby won this two years and Murgo Petri developed into a decent sprinter by the end of last season. Lego Di Version heart won first time back aince his two-years applies to Treasura Touch, who won three handicaps for an appearance lest year and from a yerd among the viriners at Doncaster. Treasura Touch might prefer an extra furiong, but it was over this trip that he best Serion a head at Think in May. Swino is tible better off now.

Selection: WESTCOURT MARIC

6 8 CALICO LADY (5) (Drakemyre Recing) W Kemp 8 8	The same of the sa
7 SPENDTHEPROC-EDE'S (Edels Lid) W G M Turner 8 8	1. One of the same was a series of the same of the sam
BETTRIC: 2-1 Glasionbury, 9-4 Spendy James, 5-1 Calley Lady, 13-2 Spendtheproc-	another yet to win at five and would be easier to tancy if they had an extra furlong to cover his ar here. In contrast to State Of Caution and Gadge, WESTCOURT MAGIC is over his
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Calico Lady was sixth to Charlene Lacy in the Brockleeby Stakes at Dono	Klee. Lynde Ramsden has had runners placed in the last two years and Mungo Park de
day (As-Youknownothing 15th). Migusion won this race a year ago af	
enth in the same Doncaster race. Still, Calico Lady might be pushed to e	
with GLASTONBURY and Speedy James in the line-up. Glastonbury's tra	
non, had the Brocklesbury favourite, Franco Mine, and won last Friday's	
er with Inya Lake, Jack Serry provided the runner-up in both events ar	
won the two-year-old race at Lingfield yesterday. Glastenbury and Spe	edy James are
both February toals, as is Spendtheproc-Ede's, a daughter of Dium i	rom a yard that
wins with its share of newcomers. David Barron could easily have Ashow	
while Hayatacks is from the yard that had the third, Bayard Lady, at Her	min yesterday. C. 27,000 and but on Period 22,510
Selection:	GLASTONBURY 1 P2P4 STONEY BURKE (17) Aries E.C.A. Noblej Mars. L. Russell 9 11 10
	2 IMUP PENTLANDS FLYER (73) (As M W Bird J H Joysen 7 ti 10 A B Said
2.50 DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE NOVICE HURDLE	CLASS E) 3 -22FU GENS LAD (73) (D) Álas J Wood Mrs S Smith 11 11 7
£3,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £2,369	5 382/34 THE BLID CLUB GOD (D) (BP) (Aucro) Mee J A Correctio 10 ft 4P Misen
1 22510 JOE BUZZ (17) (D) (Joe Buzzeo) F Murphy 8 11 7	P Cerbany 8 48852 SEERING GOLD (14) (Siry) Barday 9 11 8
2 16 PALADUS (115) (D) (M Gleeson) G M Moore 8 11 7	M Bordoy 7 A12721 CALLETONOY (20) (Exces of R 8 Lents) D Lamb 8 10 8
3 304 FAIRI FARM LAD (24) (Hardd Copley) J M Jefferson 8 11 9	
4 3.55 GALESHAN (10) (J Holes) G Richards 6 11 0	
5 3P330 GENERAL ASSEMBLY (14) (The Conformer) G Margareon 8 to 0	
8 222(63 J.J BABOO (10) (Robind Roper) M Hammond 5 ft 0	R Ganday V 11 4555F MAGIC BLOOM (41) (C) (D) (F Netson) J.M. Jahanan 12 10 2
7 DODD LUCKY MOVE (10) (J.R. Wilson) S Kettlewell 5 tl 0	S Teptor (5) 2 52-441 TICO GOLD (21) (Ars J M Navird) Mrs J Brown 10 10 2
8 G. RISING MILL (379) (Man Phona Brevis) Man R Brevis 7 11 9	
9 OS SCOTMARL BOY (21) (G Brown/B Watsurf, J H Johnson 5 11 9	
10 6032 SETTING SUN (10) (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5 11 0	
12 '64540 WHAT A TALE (88) (BF) Clerm Partnership) Ma M Reveloy 8 ft 0	Pillian 1897; no consequencing races
10 41 KRIS GREEN (38) (CO) (PM Cain) L Lungo 4 to 2.	
14 OFF PIEREX (17) (J W Wellon) J Charlton 7 to 9	
-14 declared -	so in December but has done nothing wrong eince then, easily winning a Cattarick novice
BETTING: 4-1 Setting Sun, 9-2 J J Beboo, 5-1 Kris Green, 5-1 Jos Buzz, 7-1 Ger	eral Amenibly, 8- handicap after good seconds to better-class horses such as Chipped Out, Paperisin
1 Galeshan, What A Tale, 12-1 Time Warrior, 20-1 Fair Form Lad, Polocius, 25-1	others and Swerbisser, Apacha Helder was a remote third at Catterick but the better groun
1997; no corresponding face	could help him narrow the gap hara, especially as he has a 10th pull and Paul Carbert
FORM GUIOE SETTING SUN ran his best race over hurdes here 10 days add, finishing	on board. On his previous visit to Catterick, Apache Reider finished second to Lord For second to Win- ture, who won at Newbury on Saturday, Noosa Scrand heart been out since he be-
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having of Carady seven lengths in a Donosster novice handless won by The Toiseach
two months ago, but he's a fresh harse from a year having a good season and we may
not have seen the best of him over ferces yet. Maybe O'Grady meets Noosa Sotund 7th
series company with Proposater but her out the neon them.

other novice to consider is Perstande Flyer, who looked good in compling a hat-trick but out for the first time since poor jumping contributed to him getting behind and being pulled up in Celestial Chorts race here on 17 January, At the azme meeting, Genna Lad unseated in the Eder Chase won by Linderts Lotto and he was pulled up in his previous race, at Humbrigdon on Boaring Day, it remains to be seen if he can produce his good form of last aummer, which would give him a chance.

Selection: CALLERNOY

4	.30	HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 7f Penelty Value £3,550
-	042.0	IGHALIK (4) (AP Gelfer) Mes L Stabbe 48 12
•	20#-	1903 ATTOM COST (SEC. L) W. School J. Laich 4 9 7 Doon McKnows 14
3	22	BSO MGHT (4) (BF) (Luciero Gauss) M Bal 3 8 11
ĭ	ū.	GINGER MORRES (194) (Mrs M Rogered C Booth 3 8 11 Fortune 9
6	30200	HAPPY DATS (168) (J W Berrett) D Morfact 8 8 11 Decree Modest (3) 18
ě	0440-	HOWES CHOICE (178) (Poreld Howe) M British 8 B 11
7	26-	KING OF THE RIVER (USA) (177) (P Savil) P Chapple-Hyam 38 11
Ř	-	PRENCIPLED (M. J. Paner) M. British: 3.8 11
9		THE PEDALER ROCHE (Inn For Sport Pertructation R Crappe 3 8 1) Chempott 1
10	mm-	WEE CHRISTY (147) (Ciristy Golfry Society) W McKeown 8 8 11 Feening 8
11		WHITE HEART Diskings A Making M Johnston 8 8 1 12 Holland 10
2		ANOTHER LAURA (Max S J Blain) W McKeown 888 J Carroll 12
1		BORDER STAFLETTE (D Young) Mrs M Pensley 8 8 8 Dela Gibeon 3
14	00300-	NGAERE PROCESS (145) (Deleniyo Recing) W Kemp 3 8 8
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SETTING: 6-4 King of the River, 5-1 Ego Nigris, 5-1 White Heart, 6-1 Khalik, 14-1 Happy Days, Howles Choice, 16-1 Initiation, 20-1 General Morris, 33-1 others
1907: Method 8.8.9 L. Dettori 2-6 few Li Gendery drawn (§ 7 ran
POTMS GOT THE RIVER enclocit his first season on a downbest note, finishing shith to Florazi at Laicester, but his debut third behind Confirmation at Ayr weart a bed effort considering he was up against whitenars in a conditions event. Along Of The River should go close at least in this makine, stong with Ego Nigris, who looked as though he was up against whitenars in a conditions event. Along Of the River should go close at least in this makine, stong with Ego Nigris, who looked as though he was go-ing to win coally at Southwell but who couldn't find extra when Little Brave tacked him late on. Khalik lad in two of the three raises he had in the first helf of least season (when trained by Ed Durlop) and could be the one they have to catch today, now that helped harders. Khalik cardiship has a brighter chance here then he did in least Ridday's Docester handicap won by Always AEght. Happy Days is attl a makine despite finishing a close second to Out Lies Megic at Ripon frait itens on a reaccourse. In his has what it tallow to win a little race, along with heliation and Howland Ended, (previously with Fulles Johnson Houghton and Kavin McAuffie) but perhaps more likely to trouble the main two is Mark Johnson's newcorner, White Heart.

Selection:

	AF	ST MODWEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 2m
13	.U⊃∤	19yds Penalty Value £2,885
_		18 yes I citally value 22,000
1	40/11-	OUTSET (JS2) (D) (M Kilrer) M Hermond 8 10 C.
2	01/00-	GREAT EASIERY (114) (D) (D) C Belley) W Storey 8 8 7 Familing 2
8	5-265	MONDRAGON (120) (D) Young) Miss M Reveloy 8 9 7
4	500000	FUTURES TRADER (120) Dies S Long M Harrand 5.8 11
Ś		ARISAIG (185) 64s J MacPhasort P Caber 48 11 Forture 1
8		CHARITY CRUSADER (J164) (Paveley Record) Mrs M Permisy 7 B9 Date Glucon 15
Ť		HEGHE ELD PIZZ (182) (Als P Todas-Gartsmain) C Februari 8 8 8
à		HEVER GOLF CHAPMER (14) (Action Racing) B Rotherd 4 B 1,
Ď		DULAS BAY (J12) (Sarty Morning Breakfast Synd) M W Easterby 480
10		CUR MAIN MAN (14) (R M Water) R Whiteler 87 12 Derren Mothet (5) 5 B
Ħ		DALLY BOY (114) (T H Bernett) T Escrety 8 7 12 L Cherock 9
2	-	BLACK ICE BOY (JSS) (0) (Mrs. J Marstall) R Bestman 77 11 C Cogun (7) 14 B
13	20000Y	
14	54000	SUDDIEN SPIN (197) (D) (Elly Parley) J Norton B 7 10
15	40-650	TOP PRIZE (740 (57) (at British) M British 10 7 10
		- 15 declared -

Authority 10 V — 15 declared —

– 20 declared – PETTBIC: 13-2 Middle Enst, 7-1 King Urm, 6-1 Ellon Ladger, 9-1 Allien's Dos-No., 10 Bears Venture, Mystous Mislates, Soe Me, Sallonuelle, 12 others

4.45 KIMBERLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m 2f

4.20 ROYAL STAR & GARTER HOME HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 26,000 2m

— 8 declared —
Minimus: 10st. True handcole weight: Dr Rochat Sst Sb, Steezey Set 7th.
BETTENS: 5-2 Perflegmentaries, 11-4 Declare Causalier, Substance Fellow, 152 Thomatic Up, 6-1 Dr Rochet, 16-1 Steezey

4.55 "UBIQUE" HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H)
92,000 added 2m 4f 110yde
1 #504 TUDOR RIBLE (20) (0) C Sweeing 10 28_Mir R Sweeing (7)
2 497222 WILLE MARET (P10) (0) Mrs A Yoy 8 26_Mir N G Miller (7)
3 F47222 WILLE MARET (P10) (0) Mrs A Yoy 8 26_Mir N Ring (7)
4 507974 RUSTIC GENT (8) 8 Lewis 10 12 2_Mir N William (8)
5 9254 REAL PROGRESS (46) J McConnocte 10 11 2_Mir N Wilster (8)
5 7 TOORN MALT LINE (P3) Mrs P Tourising 8 11 3_Mir P Tourising (7)
1 1002R MALT LINE (P3) Mrs P Tourising 8 11 3_Mir P Tourising (7)

= 7 dectarret = BETTING: 11-8 True Steel, 3-1 Real Progress, 9-2 Willie Materit, 11-2 Mill O'The Regs, 20-1 Tudor Fabia, 25-1 Mattl Line, Remit: Gent

Grand National Handican Chase (4m 4f) 11PGS4 SEROR SL BETRUTTI (16) Mad 8 Nock 9 11 5 ______ 234 234 201 234 8-3335 FROUGH CKEST (18) (CS) T Cessy 12 Ti 4 M Filegerild 18-1 10-1 10-1 6-1 22F40 CHALLENGER DU LUC (16) 41 Pool (11 3 A P NoCoy 16-1 16-1 12-1 16-1 6-580 SANJO (FTQ (75) (C) O Noroborn B 10 7 R Johnson 20-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 USS-3P AVED ANSON (85) Miss J Carmicho 10 10-3 ______ P Nivem 25-1 20-1 25-1 16-1 26(4) MUDAHAM (71) Nes J Pimen 2 313 _______ J 180y 254 254 254 251 04376 MAHTHEN LAD (85) May J Plenter 9:103 R Perment 20-1 25-1 20-1 20-1 03/2P DUM BELLE (85) P Faty (6) 99 12 T P Treaty 25-1 33-1 25-1 33-1 THP-SP GENERAL CRACK (GF) F Noticik 98 18 Mr. J Tuzzer 233-3 56-1 4C-1 4C-1 3-SPIF AMTRAK EXPRESS (86) Mrs. J Please 11 9 10 P Centerry 40 1 50 1 50 1 66-1 JP274- GO UNIVERSAL (496 (C) N Chance 10 9 10 _____ 50-1 69-1 50-1 50-1 4PHS TREE FOR A RUN (18) (89) E O'Gudy (6) 11 8 10 N Williamson 25-1 25-1 20-1 20-1 90014 CRE DE SPICON (SIS) (EP) F DOURSIN (Fr) 9.9 TO MET Doursin 20-1 20-1 10-1 2541P COURT MELOUT (95) P Nanda 10 8 10. _____ C Maude 254 20-1 25-1 20-1 1/2-PD 9/170 THE RED (1/4) (C) May M. Reveley 14 9 7.______ 100-1 68-1 66-1 160-1 85003P GERRAE FIVE (18) E D'Grady (6) 11 8 8 ______K Whelen 53-1 50-1 68-1 50-1 24422 STORBITTRACKER (42) C Weedon 880 ______ 201 204 161 161 BIPPS BYANGELICA (46) (8F) M Ppe 88 11 ________ 100-1 100-1 150-1 100-1 290-1 150-1 150-1 200-1 281P DAMAS (96) M Pipe T 80..... U-2FT CHOISTY (28) H Haynes 87 18..... PSU-5 GROTTINS BAR (138) Mrs P Sty 10 7 12 2-5116 WENTER BELLE (18) J H Johnson 107 10 900-1 200-1 250-1 300-1 3-SEP MAPLE DANCER (40 D Williams 12 T 10 22900 DECYBORG (18) M Ppa 7 7 10 _______500-1 50-1 50-1 300-1 Only 40 can not. Minimum weight: 10ks. Each very a quester the colds, places. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Anthree, Solumbry) C - Corel, H - William HR, L - Lachrolem, T - Total

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Cylor Multa (M. Pype/Hat1b)	11-2	9-2	7.2	6-1
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Prozent Saland (R Plants/No.196)	6-1			
ndian Arrow (M Pipe Met2h)	7.1	8-1		6-1
Mertell Boy (Miss V Williams/10stSib)	7-1	6-1	64	8-1
Hallant Warrior (M. Hammond/Det13lb)	10-1	10-1	10-1	7-1
Cherryraut (P Nicholis/Halticity)	12:1	14-1	16-1	12-1
Gleunck (P.VA-tkan/11st2lb)	*-1	14-1	10-1	16-1
odlan Tracker (M Pipe/TetRb)	16-1	16-1	12:1	94-1
Lindow's Loito (G Filchirds/10st6lb)	16-1	16-1	16-1	
Outwell Lad (P Hobins ToutSite)	16-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Picahaday Placa (N Telaton-Davos/10s7/b)	16-1	14-1	R-1	16-1
With Impenity (P McIvals/10st8fb)	14-1	16-1	R-1	16-1
Easy Buck (C Morlock/Tist2b)	20-1	16-1	14-1	16-1
Solded Spinner (N Herdescry71st)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Back Bar (A L.T Moore(M/95(10h)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Ballyline (W Kerny/Sst7kt)	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Grittins Bar Diles P Stylestello	251	20-1	25-1	25-1
High Allitade (M Heston-Elia/Rs(17lb)	25-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Pursuo Warting (Mess H Knight/DetSiln)	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Do Flightly (M Bradstock/TeiCib)	25-1	25-1	20-1	33-1
Kilomet (P Hubbs/11st/Rt)	33-1	25-1	38-1	33-1
Nicholas Plant (J Goldigillaticity)	33-1	% 1	75-1	25-1
Over The Deel (J H Johnson/Ist Nb)	33-1	33-1	25-1	33-1
Planfack Lad (N Twiston-Davies/Bistalis)	25-1	33-1	25-1	40-1
River Unehlon (J H Johnson/Sst128b)	50-1	50-1	40-1	50-1
Bendor Mark (M Wikneon/Sst2ks)	56-1	33-1	25-1	40-1
Coltic Glant (L. Lungo/Bet19b)	86-1	501	50-1	50-1
Febricator (Hrs A Haughton/Bst12th)	150-1	100-1	68-1	66-1
Greenhill Rufflee (Mas L V Russell/9:17(s)	100-1	150-1	100-1	150-1
Mudicup (Mrs. Jame Storey/Bat)	150-1	100-1	700-1	150-1
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Xear (A Palore/Pr)	11-6	evens	5-4	n· £
King Of Kings (A P O'Brien/ht)	6-1	6-1	6-1	8-
Second Empire (A P O'Bristolit)	5-1	8-1	6-1	7-
Deggere Brawn (H Cecil)	16-1	14-1	16-1	15
Tensorisk (R Charlton)	14-1	20-1	20-1	20-
Control Park (P Cole)	25-1	25-1	75-1	20-
Fleebesod (H Cacil)	25-1	25-1	20-1	25-
Heami (J Dunko)	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-
Zaya (Seed bin Suroot)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-
Blotang (P Cols)	25-1	33-1	33-1	33-

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Cape Verdi (Seeed bin Suroor)	7-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Embessy (Saeed bin Surcor)	7-1	6-1	6-1	7-1
Loving Claim (Nts C Head/Fr)	16-1	8-1		B-1
Exclusive (M Stoute)	12-1	12-1	12-1	9-1
Albe (H Cecil)	10-1	12-1	10-1	10-1
Anhennist (J Durlop)	16-1	15-1	20-1	W-1
Crazen Mental (C Haydn Jones)	25-1	25-1	25-1	
Gloronia (L. Cumaril)	25-1	25-1	20-1	20-1
Musical Treat (P Chapple Hyam)	25-1	25-1		20-1
Woodland Melody (P Chapple Hyam)	33-1	20-1		33-1
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Second Empire (A P O'Brien/ht)	6-1	5-1		10
XAME (A Fabre/Fr)	16-1		5-1	6
City Honours (P Chappie-Hyam)	20.1	8-1		10-
Floatwood (H Codi)		20-1	18-1	20-
	20-1	16-1	16-1	14
Saratoga Springs (A P C'Brisn/hi)	25-1	20-1	75-1	
Tespot Row (J Toler)	25-1	25-1		
Mutarogeo (A Stewart)	23-1	2-1		16
Rabi (E Dunigo)	- 33-1		251	20
Third Of Hearts (A Fabre/Fr)		<u>출 조 </u>	25-1	33
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Nottingham

2.00 Blue Desert 2.30 Saguaro 3.05 Honest Borderer 3.40 Sharp Fellow 4.10 Myttons Mistake 4.45 Desert Fighter 5.15 Alpine Panther

FORM GUICE

SETTING SUN ran his best race over hurdles here to days ago, finishing second to Wynyard Knight and beating J J Baboo (third) Gallestean (filtra). Setting Sun was tried at just
short of two miles in France when he was a three-year-old, so he might improve again
now there's more emphasis on stamine. J J Baboo is exposed but his previous attempts

the most start han relias wars in Franceh Heilby means at Hurthadder and the hot Kelsot raylos

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

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Outree is 2m E of city off B898. Nottinglem station 2m. ADMISSION: Club 5f4 (Jumors, 16-21 years, 5f9); Tottorsals 59 (Jumors, 16-2) years, 5f9; Show Fing & Paddock 5c. CAR PARIX: Five.

O LEADING TRAINERS: J Dunlop 17-112 (162%), Mrs.J Remaden 2-84 (4.37%), M Bell 10-7-1 (135%), M Chamnon 9-68 (122%).

D LEADING JOCKEYS: K Fetton 25-140 (179%), T Sprake 15-134 (119%), J Raid 15-86 (174%), Pst Eddery 14-63 (222%).

FAVOURTES: 25 evies from 629 races (success rate 342%), BUNNERED FIRST TIME: Primero (5.15), Trakelor (visored, 200).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Primaro (5.15), Traicelor (visored, 200). Michandra Boy (visored, 3.05), Divinity (visored, 5.15).
2.00 WATNALL SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 3YO 1m 54yds
1 SZED SHARP MCNKEY (11) (D) Mis N Macadey 9 8 P McCabe (2) 8 V
2 Security Relief DeSERT (146 (CD) S Bowing 92
3 -84395 SLEM PRIOR (32) K Burks 82 D Sweamer (4) o v
A SLOOK ALWAYS LUCKY (11) J PROCESS !
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Back to the roots of Rolls-Royce

THIS NEWSPAPER is pleased that Rolls-Royce has been bought by a German firm. We are regretful too - Britain has lost ownership of another national institution. But what matters more is that good engineers and good husiness brains, backed by a really strong company, should save and rebuild a faded glory: that British jobs are saved and created. Today, in the absence of an independent British car manufacturer of any serious scale, that meant a foreign owner. A German one is fine.

The success and failure of Rolls-Royce is a parable of much else in 20thcentury British manufacturing history. The company has "crafted" (as they call it) some of the most beautiful cars with some of the most evocative names in motoring history - Silver Ghost, Silver Cloud, Phantom, Wraith. The ears have been owned by heroic figures like John Lennon and Lawrence of Arabia, although Denis Thatcher was perhaps a more typical customer. Good old-fashioned engineering, selling on romance, a liberal splash of snob-bery. But then came the ruh: to those in the know, Rolls-Royce ceased to make the best cars in the world some time back. It didn't innovate. It stuck with obsolete forms of production. Its marketing strategy was awful.

Luckily for Rolls-Royce enthusiasts, BMW's chairman, Bernd Pischetsrieder is quite a sentimental soul himself. When he bought Rover Group from British Acrospace he seemed to take the same satisfaction in acquiring a range of revered British marques that a little boy might when huilding his collection of Dinky toys. He was said to be particularly pleased that he would have the opportunity to revive Riley (deceased 1969) and Triumph (deceased 1983). What else could you expect from the distant cousin of Sir Alec Issigonis, inventor of the Austin Mini? More to the point is the substantial investment of £4bn BMW is making in developing a new Mini range, greatly expanding Land-Rover, revamping the middle-range Rovers and other projects. The purchase of Rolls-Royce is built on more than a drive to complete Bernd's collection of British classic car badges. Like the developments at Rover it is about making money, by restoring Rolls-Royce's technical pre-eminence.

Pischetsrieder and BMW have more reason than most to know about Rolls-Royce's more recent failings. BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Japanese luxury makes such as Lexus have been making, or crafting, faster, safer, better-handling, more advanced, more reliable, even quieter and more comfortable cars than the Rolls-Royce. They have been catching up.

It would be a crude but useful simplification to say that Rolls-Royce cars have been living off their past. The new Seraph is the first new design in 18 years. Probably the worst thing that happened to the Rolls was that the likes of Elvis Presley and Bernard Manning decided that they would show off in one. Once the temptation, however slight, came to sell cars effortlessly to the undiscerning affluent, the rot set in. A nice steady market of pools winners, entertainers and embassies is fine. But it does leave the marque open to a slightly vulgar and old-fashioned image and dulls the competitive urge.

Developing new models to conform to ever-stricter legislation and ever more demanding customers is very expensive. It is oo longer good enough tu build a big car with lots of leather and walnut. The oext generation of Rolls-Royces and Beotleys will have to be class leaders in safety as well as performance and be environmentally friendly as well as comfy. BMW know all about this and already supply engines and other components for the newer models. BMW are taking their investment seriously. They are taking Rolls-Royce back to its roots.

When Henry Royce, the engineer, met the Hooourable Charles Rolls, the entrepreneur-adventurer, almost a hundred years ago, they found that they had a shared interest in building a car that would be ahead of its time, not simply an imposing piece of conspicuous consumption. It would have been next to impossible for Rolls-Royce's last British parent, Vickers, to make Rolls-Royce ahead of its time oow. Both the Rolls-Royce and Bentley hadges have enormous scope to be leaders in many segments of a more fragmented car market. There are new niches appearing with every motor show. Why shouldn't there be a new smaller sports model? Or a luxury 4-wheel drive vehicle like the Range-Rover? When Jaguar and Mercedes are planning or building smaller models, what would be wrong with a family saloon Rolls-Royce, the ultimate luxury rep-mobile?

BMW has spent £380m buying Rolls-Royce and will doubtless be investing much more. But that is the best way of ensuring that, as Henry Royce once famously put it, "the quality remains long after the price is forgotten". Rolls-Royce Motors has a silver future. Vorsprung durch Technik, as

Seeing the light

THERE ARE, at the last count, some 6.75 million lamp posts in the United Kingdom. A dog's dream, perhaps, but also a major untapped advertising opportunity. Yesterday the billboard giant Mills and Allen announced a pending deal with councils to put adverts on lamp posts for the first time.

It's not a new idea. Where would traditional Parisiao streetscapes have been without their pissoirs and those round, green things bearing yellowing posters for Charles Trenet concerts. British streets hardly lack for advertising, though most of it is of the boringly official kind, such as those complicated placards - on lamp posts - telling when parking is permitted. On some urban streets there is now a jungle of hardware, and a few colourful ads on lamp posts are not going to make them any more untidy. Indeed you could say that advertisers are being somewhat unadventurous.

Once, in those far-off days when members of the Labour Party used to call themselves socialists, presumably on the grounds their dealings with capitalists banks were highly imaginative, councillors in one borough even flogged off their entire stock of lamp posts, albeit on a sale-or-return basis. Why not have companies sponsoring lamp posts and decorating them in their favourite colours? Urban dog owners could then take special pleasure by encouraging Rex to relieve himself against, say, the Virgin or British Airways or [fill in your own corporate favourite] lamp post.



Bug foreseen

MUCH has been and will be written on the subject of the "Milleonium Bug". In due conrse the hunt for scapegoats will commeoce.

Of course, thoughtful programmers have understood the issue ever since they began to store dates in computers. I certainly remember discussing it with colleagues in the early 1980s, and the plot of Arthur C Clarke's 1990 oovel The Ghost from the Grand Banks (about raising of the Titanic) included an ecocomic collapse caused by the

hug.
But perhaps that was the problem: to talk too openly about the year 2000 would oot have been a wise career move. Managers would assume you were either some sad oerd who read science fictioo novels, or a crazed eco-fanatic with delusions about the ozone layer, or ure of the significant fiscal tightjust a pedantic perfectionist with oo ening introduced in the July 1997 grasp of business realities.

Many of the "fixes" being proposed today will break down at a later date, such as 2030. Few people seem to be worried about that. STEPHEN LOWE WATSON Lewes, East Sussex

IN VIEW of Tony Blair's latest initiative to defuse the imminent "technical time bomh" in our computers, isn't it time the public were alerted to a far greater threat?

I refer to the software fault which, with exquisite and correct logic, is going to hold back from its finde-siècle crashing of the world's computers until 31 December 2000. It is, of course, the Pedantic Millennium Bug. MICHAEL DINES London SW13

Tight money

AGREE with Gavyn Davies's overall conclusion that the Budget was a step in the right direction on three points he overstates his

First, be criticises the Bank of England's "puzzling failure to pursue a firm domestic monetary Coopers & Lybrand stance since the election". In fact, London WC2

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the Bank did raise interest rates steadily last year, resulting in real short interest rates of around 41c per cent at present, which is high historic standards. Added to the cootinued strength of sterling, monetary cooditions are onw quite tight and will act as a significant drag oo growth this year. This has added to the risks of a hard landing and it is heartening, rather than puzzling, that the Bank is taking this risk seriously in weighing up the case for a further rise in interest

Second, he argues that the fail-Budget to slow domestic demand "should be a salutary lesson to staunch believers in fine tuning". In fact, this can be attributed both to lags in the system and the fact that the fiscal tightening, although large, was not well targeted on the con-

Third, he states that "cuts in corporation and business taxation are inteoded to boost the level of busioess investment in the UK", which the Treasury has rightly said is inadequate. In fact, the net effect of the 1998 Budget will be to raise the corporate tax burdeo from next year by around £Ihn per annum. This comes on top of the removal of dividend tax credits for pension funds last year, which increased the corporate cost of capital. All these measures, although justifiable from a long-term perspective, will tend to reduce total UK corporate inestment over the next few years. By further encouraging share buybacks, they may also have added to a share price bubble that looks in-(Business Comment, 23 March), but creasingly unsustainable given the recent slowdown in corporate prof-

its growth. JOHN HAWKSWORTH Head of Macroeconomics

Cost of disability

VIRTUALLY all the discussion of disability, whether by official spokesman or by unofficial commentators, misses the point. What most of us oeed is oot a higher income, whether from allowances or from salaries, but a better opportunity to lead a normal life.

For example, my disability living allowance doesn't help me to do my job, because the obstacles are oot financial but physical. It is difficult and ey that will be drawn into the game often impossible for me to use public streets and public transport, are problems with cricket in this knowledge of mankind" available in huildings and offices, and so on, he- country which cannot be solved the present House of Lords will out cause they have little or no wheelchair access.

Despite the inevitable cries of protest from pressure groups and political sects, the best way forward would be a combination of radical reform of the clumsy system of benefits, so that they would be based on genuine need and subject to reasonable tax, and of a real programme of providing a decent environment to live and work in. NICOLAS WALTER

National games

London NI

I AM surprised that Lord Gordon of Strathbiane (letter, 25 March) cannot see the difference between Premier League football - essentially played between local teams even if some have wider support - and Test cricket which, as an international contest, still carries a significant weight of national pride and interest from a great many who are not regular followers of cricket.

There will be many like myself who do not wish to be blackmailed into subscribing to cable or satellite channels, or who cannot afford to do so. But the real issue here is the place in our national life of a unique and remarkable game. Public service hroadcasting has a symbolic signif-

icance as well as the practical one of providing access to the widest possible audience. By placing events which rarely involve national players above events involving our national team, Lord Gordon's Advisory Group is saying something about cricket which will do nothing to fur-

ther its cause or raise standards of

No doubt many, including the England and Wales Cricket Board, will point to the large sums of monfrom satellite broadcasting, but there merely by money.

JOHN BURCHELL Old Coulsdon, Surrey

Arts Council row

DAVID LISTER ("Arts Council sheds half its members", 25 March) implies that the Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) found fault with Arts Council of Great Britain's decision to cease funding the Kosh. Nothing could be farther from the truth: the Arts Council won the ruling, not the Kosh.

In addition, Michael Merwitzer of the Kosh implies in his letter (24 March) that the Ombudsman would agree that the Arts Council is run by "only knaves and fools". The Ombudsman drew no conclusion of that sort, and stated clearly that the decision taken by ACGB in December 1993 was not maladminis-

The Ombudsman did identify some shortcomings in the Council's provision of feedback to the Kosh, but suggested that a written apology would be sufficient remedy. The Arts Council complied readily and immediately.

GRAHAM DEVLIN Deputy Secretary-General The Arts Council of England

Hereditary peers

WHAT is going to replace the broad knowledge of affairs that is available from the present peerage, if hereditary peers are to be re-moved from the councils of the

As Edmund Burke said: "Persons murtured in office [that is, in the law and politics] do admirably well, as long as things go in their common order; but when the high roads are brokeo up, and the waters out. when a oew and troubled sceoe is opeoed, and the file affords no precedent, theo it is that a greater knowledge of mankind, and a far more extensive comprehension of things, is requisite than ever office gave, or than office can ever give."

What guarantee can the Goverument give us that the "greater he replaced by the more narrow view of "office holders"? **AFSTOBART** Ludlow,

Shropshire

Why read?

ANNE BARNES, general secretary of the National Association for the Teaching of English, no less, says "the point of reading is to enjoy a good story" ("Tough words to test our children", 21 March).

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What happened to the exchange . of ideas, development of argument etc, or have teachers of English retreated to the story corner in the reception class? MKFINN

Lichfield,

A Tory's vision

YOUR claim (leading article, 30 March) that the Conservative Party has "no vision to enthuse members and potential members" struck me as less than fair. I joined the Conservative Party on 2 May 1997. New Labour, New Britain and Blair's egregious opportunism was the vision I needed

HUGH DERBYSHIRE Wirral, Merseyside

Caught on video: the strange case of the buttercup massacre



A MOST unusual case is being heard at the High Court at the moment, in which a Mr Sum Profiterole stands accused of infringing the country's obscenity laws. There are some very complex legal points at stake, as this extract from the first day's proceedings shows. Counsel: You are Sam Profiterole?

Sam: I am. Counsel: Is that your real name? Sam: No. It is a name I have assumed for tax purposes.

Counsel: For what tax purposes? Sam: For the purpose of getting the Inland Revenue to send all my tax bills to someone else who is really called Sam Profiterole. Counsel: And, as a matter of interest, has

Sam: It must have. I haven't had any tax bills for years.

Counsel: I see. Now, you are in the business of manufacturing and issuing video films, under the name of MGM?

Same: That is correct. Counsel: What does MGM stand for? Sam: Mayhem, Grief and Massacre. Counsel: These films depict scenes of pain, death and torture, do they not?

Sam: No. they are wildlife films. Counsel: By wildlife films, are you referring to such videos as Beastly Buttercups, Rogue Ants, The Giant Snail Meets Godzilla, Wild Flowers Do Really Nasty Things to Each Other and so on?

Sam: Yes, these excellent educational films are all available from me, and if any members of the jury wish to hire them at an advantageous rate...

Counsel: Thank you, Mr Profiterole. Now, you also have an extensive library of videos dealing with agricultural death and disaster... Sam: I feel very strongly that the standard of agricultural safety is not as high as it should be and I have issued a series of farm safety instruction videos.

Counsel: And these farm safety instruction videos have such titles as Death by Grain, Manure Massacre, Crushed by Cattle, and With the Slurry on Top?

Sam: Don't forget Suckled to Death by Sows. That's one of my favourites. Counsel: May I suggest to you that in fact

these are deliberate attempts to gratify peopie's blood lust, masquerading as public safety items? Might I suggest that people have aready put out sadistic films using real-life footage of car crashes and violence in shopping malls, but that you have been the first to realise that many sickening accidents are caught on closed-circuit film in farms? As an example of this horror, may I perhaps just draw your attention to one incident in a video entitled Slaughter in the Silo. There is a scene when a young farm worker disappears in a hopper of grain and dies horribly.

Same Ah, yes - that's a very moral passage, demonstrating the sins of going into a grain ror videos, purporting to be real-life vio-

hopper unaccompanied, and without rope and climbing tackle.

Counsel: That may be so. May I also direct your attention to another film of yours, called Death by Dung Heap, in which a young man is mannred to death. If my eyes do oot deceive me, it is the very same man who disappears in the grain in Slaughter in the Silo! Sam: That is so. He is an actor called Jim Bray. He also perishes in Surprised by Poultry, where be is pecked to death by a giant cockerel. Counsel: So the incidents in these films are faked?

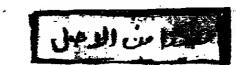
Sam: In the sense that King Kong was not really a live giant ape? In the sense that the actor playing Hamlet does not really die. though he pretends to? In the sense that Dermot Morgan was not really a Roman Catholic priest, only a fake one? Yes, I plead guilty to being a fake, in this grand tradition! Counsel: So all these so-called actuality hor-

lence, are all actually fakes and frauds! Sam: Hold on, hold on! You can't have it both ways. You can accuse me of issuing real violence. You can accuse me of issuing fake violence. Either I am a fraud, or a merchant of sickeningly real horror. But which one do you want me to be? I can't be both. Counsel: Himming... He has a point my Lord.

Judge: Yes, he has... Mr Profiterole, are you the maker of one of my favourite instructional farm videos called The Vet Always Rings Twice?

Sam: Yes, I am. Judge: Tell me something... that charming pair of Jacob sheep... did they really die? Sam: No, my Lord. All the stunt work was done by a pair of highly trained stand-in sheep. No suffering was involved at all.

Judge: I am glad to hear it. I often wondered. Carry ool



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John Prescott, saviour of rural England? Don't laugh



FIONA REYNOLDS ON SAVING THE GREENBELT

ARE YOU shocked by this week's news that huge numbers of houses are to be huilt on the south-east's precious green countryside? You shouldn't be. Despite John Prescott's recent change of policy on housing and urban developments, we are still trapped in an economic system that favours development on fresh greenfield sites rather than restoring our cities. Until this policy changes, too, both town and country will continue to suffer.

We can get much more housing into our urban areas that we have done for the past few decades. Mr Prescott has set an initial target of at least 60 per cent of all new homes to go there - better than the 50 per cent we have been managing, but not as good as the three-quarters some think is feasible.

Is it? Yes: and we can rebuild decent housing in our towns and cities without returning to the horrors of tower blocks, or wiping out precious urban open spaces. We can do it by cleaning up abandoned urban land and restoring run-down buildings. But - and here comes the catch - none of this will be possible without a whole new approach to policy, investment and the economics which drive change.

Developers and many of their customers still much prefer greenfield sites. The land is clean and uncluttered by rubble or obsolete buildings. You can get plant and materials there easily. And the final product has all the advantages of shiny newness. Every week, according to new evidence, 1,700 more people leave cities and towns for the country, than go in the other direction.

Many of them are simply searching for a better life, in a cleaner, nicer area. Businesses are engaged to the same trek from the inner cities to their fringes. Not only are these allowed by local authorities; they are marked as the "in" places to work. We are all living even more car-dependent lifestyles, commuting further between home, work and school, leisure and shopping venues,

Prescott to returned from Kyoto, where he helped negotiate the first-ever cut in CO² arts, leisure services and other facilities. Helped negotiate the first-ever cut in CO² If it seems like reinventing the wheel, emissions by the western world, the irony of that is an urgently needed task. Restoring city what was happening at home seems to have life is one way of avoiding the emerging gull struck him. He saw that we were locked into between town and country. The needs of town a "predict and provide" approach: first pre- and country remain different, and should be dict household growth and then provide land for houses to meet those projects, without re- fers the chance to meet them without imally questioning the numbers.

In no other area of public policy are we does in attractive places they will be occupied to preference to those in run-down areas. Yet, we plan for the future as if it has to be just like the past - even to the extent of assuming that tens of thousands of people will (and should) continue to leave urban areas every decade. Remorselessly, that leads to the destruction of much of the last of green England.

So, his new policy, of abandoning the "pre-tection of Rural England.

dict and provide" approach and setting a tar-get for more new housing is a significant improvement. But it is not enough. The key

economic signals have not changed.
For example, we pay VAT on refurbishment and repair but not on new housing. That means that it is still more expensive to reclaim and to restore previously developed land than to develop a greenfield site. The prestige associated with out-of-town development persists local authorities and property developers still market pristine business parks covered with shiny tin sheds on the bypass in preference to urban locations. And people are still leaving urban areas - taking with them entrepreneurial skills, innovation and enthusiasm, and leaving behind those who have neither the choice about where they live nor the resources to improve their own environment.

There is so much that has to change - and fast, if we are not to compound the ills of the past. Towns and cities are the heart of modern society and the places, still, where nearly 80 per cent of us live. Yet, too many people live there as if on sufferance.

I am not saying that, therefore, we should be forcing all new building onto empty urban sites. In some places this does need to happen - there are sites, long vacated by heavy industry that could provide homes and other facilities for many thousands of people. But we should imagine the remaking of our cities as a continuous process - a bedraggled Victorian terrace being restored for housing and local shops, a factory site turning into a community centre with small workshops, an old school becoming a workplace for an IT com-pany, a church being used for a children's nursery and arts centre, offices built for a market which never arrived being converted into flats for the elderly, new houses and business units being constructed on wasteland.

This is, perhaps, the most sustainable industry it is possible to imagine - it will go on forever, and we need it to; continually reviving and restoring what is useful from the past but also providing for new communities and the infrastructure they need. This is the mission Lord Rogers's task force, set up by John Prescott, needs to lead: not just totting up an inventory of empty sites, but championing the cause of regeneration. With the passing of the "smokestack" iodustries, we do not need to separate homes and workspaces. We can plan anew for communities with a high range and quality of services within walking distance.

So, Prescott's vision of an "urban renaissance" is absolutely right and necessary. We really have no choice but to provide towns and cities where people can live rich, rewarding lives in ways that are not dependent on long car journeys, the consumption of huge amounts of natural resources (including land) and which maximise the benefits that can be provided But politicians are noticing. When John through mass provision of public transport, the

If it seems like reinventing the wheel, then celebrated as such. The urban renaissance ofposing uniformity or standardised solutions.

. But this is the beginning of an historic ing the same. Of course, if you build new hous- argument, not a finished deal. Mr Prescott needs to convince his colleagues to provide the economic framework and services which will help the urban renaissance to take real and enduring shape. Only then will the endless turf wars between shrinking green Britain and remorseless suburban sprawl end. Can Lahour deliver?

- Fiona Reynolds runs the Council for the Pro-

Why I read, watched, listened and then passed Lolita for cinemas



ANDREAS WHITTAM **SMITH**

BRITAIN'S NEW FILM CENSOR

I COULD have wished for an easier task as the new president of the British Board of Film Classification than having to make a decision about Lolita. an adaptation of Nabokov's novel in which Jeremy Irons plays Humbert, the schoolgirl's middle-aged lover.

But I started at the beginning - by re-reading the novel. It is more shocking today than it was when first published in 1959, be-cause the widespread incidence of paedophilia was then unknown. Nobody could forget the theme, if only because the word, "Lolita" has entered the language; the Oxford Dictionary defines a "Lolita" as a "sexually precocious schoolgirl".

Yet, during the 30 years that had passed since I first read it, my memory had become blurred. I had forgotten the famous opening line which Irons speaks so well to the film: "Lolita, light of my life, fire of my loins. My sin. My soul." Nor did I remember Nabokov's careful, if lyrical definition of a nymphet, the sole object of Humbert's sexual desires: "Between the age limits of nine and 14 there occur maidens who, to certain bewitched travellers, twice or many times older than they, reveal their true nature, which is not human but nymphic (that is, demoniac)."

In fact, those two passages, taken from the opening pages of the novel, encapsulate the main issues for classification. "Fire of my loins" is the first indication of the erotic charge that runs powerfully through the novel and the film. But note that the phrase is immediately followed by the reference to sin.

In innumerable ways, the doomed, mutually destructive, criminal nature of the liaison is repeatedly marked. The age of Lolita is important, too. In the novel, she is 12 and a half. In Stanley Kubrick's earlier version with James Mason as Humbert, Lolita looked 16 to 17 years old. And finally, there is the description of paedophiles as "bewitched travellers" and the parenthesis "demoniac".



Here Humbert is pleading that Lolita was literally irresistible and such self-justification is also a feature of the book and the film - and of paedophiles in general, who rarely hlame themselves for the crimes they commit.

examiners had already evaluated the film. It's a painstaking process. The examiners work in teams of two. If there is disagreement at the first viewing. or uncertainty, then a second team has a look. In important cases such as Lolira, every ex-

The film sticks pretty closely

the film should be banned?

aminer, of whom there are 15 The central problem loomed over us: was the risk that paedophile behaviour would be encouraged so great that

to the novel, except in one im- or so, will he asked to prepare portant respect. Adrian Lyne, the director, has raised the age of Lolita to 14 (played by a 15year-old actress with a 19-yearold body double used where necessary). This can have a dangerous, ratchet effect. The closer Lolita appears to approach full sexual development, the more natural Humbert's infatuation is likely to seem. Added

to which, the film is full of seductive delights. Irons is perfect as the sophisticated, sardonic, self-aware Humbert; the atmosphere of late 1940s America is wonderfully recreated and the music is suitably romantic.

So, how did we deal with all that? When I took up my parttime appointment at the beginning of the year, the Board's of 12 years and over" and so on,

an analysis.

What, then, is the role of the president? Cinema classification is done in the names of the president and of the director our signatures flash up briefly as the certificate is displayed on the screen. As "responsible authorities" in law, we are in a similar position to a newspaper editor. You are legally responsible but you cannot see everything. Over the years, the Board

has developed principles of classification, but the starting poiot is always the same: why should this film for the cinema or video work not have a "U" or universal certificate? Each successive restriction, "parental guidance", "suitable for persons

or no certificate at all - in effect a ban - has to be justified.

Restrictions depend on the notion of harm - harm to children and young people, harm to society generally. Oo Lolita, we were grappling with problems such as; had the film's pleasures heen set up in too powerful a way? In other words, did we empathise with Humbert or take the story for the cautionary tale it seems to he? Is the critical comment oo Humbert's behaviour strong enough to be heard above the overt messages that there is a "paradise" to a child's sexuality?

All the time, the central problem loomed over us; was the risk that paedophile behaviour would be encouraged by Lolita so great that the film should be banned? On that, apart from the experience and informed common sense of the examiners, we needed specialist help.

I watched Lolita for a second time to the company of two psychiatrists who work with children - and one had also done quite a lot of work with paedophiles. I also met police officers who deal with child-abuse cases. And we got legal advice from the leading counsel to the field. My role was to test this array of opinion and advice and then to come to a conclusion.

I asked the examiners what would have made them unanimous that the film should be banned. Then, I asked the opposite question - seeing that we witness such relatively restrained sexual relations on the screen, why should the film not be granted a "15" or even a "12" certificate? I tried, courteously, to hully the two psychiatrists toto saying that the film was likely to cause harm. But they, with equal politeness, refused to be budged from their opinion that it would oot do so. The police told me that paedophiles sexualise images of all kinds, some of which may appear more or less harmless to the rest of us, such as pictures taken from sales catalogues.

Finally, the decision: pass at "18". Put out a press release. "Unlikely to encourage paedophile behaviour or put children at risk ... the film, like the book, abounds with indications that the hreaching of what is a necessary social taboo is wrong... the new Lolita is a challenging and compassionate treatment of an established literary classic which adult cinema goers have a right to judge for themselves." Wait for the media storm to break. And wait for the film to open and see whether people think we were right.

How the Tories could outflank Labour



DONALD **MACINTYRE** ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS

DISRAELI IS back in fashion. cally accepting that the Gov-William Hague spent quite a lot of his weekend speech in Harrogate trying to rehabilitate him - and particularly to remind Britain that Dizzy's most famous, and most posthumously overworked, notion of "one nation" was originally a Tory one. But Disraeli is as Disraeli

did. And, in fact, Hague is in danger of ignoring the lessons of one of the great Tory's most stunning electoral coups. The issue is Labour's programme of constitutional reform; and the Tories are at severe risk of missing a historic opportunity.

I mean historic. In 1867,-Lord Derby's Tory administration spectacularly trumped the Liberals at Disraeli's instigation by doubling the franchise. The Conservatives won the next election and Disraeli became Prime Minister. He out-radicalled the radiculs. Could it happen again? Last week, the Shadow Cab-

inet held its first lengthy - a full three hours, according to those who took part - discussion of what to do about Lords reform. It considered a proposal which was repeatedly referred to during the debate as "the Disraeli option". And then, for the time

betog at least, rejected it. In this case, the "Disraeli option" would have been for the Tories similarly to trump the Blair government by coming up with their own proposals for an

ernment was going to abolish hereditary peers - a big admission - but that the party now had a real chance to open serious negotiations about the introduction of an elected second This had been proposed in

a newspaper article that very week by the backbencher Andrew Tyrie. One attraction was that Labour would have had to negotiate. If ministers were serious about their ambitions for more than an appointed Upper House - the "Superquango" their critics accuse them of planning - then they could hardly refuse the Toy offer of talks, if only to overcome the fiendish complexities of legislating for an elected second chamber. And if ministers were not serious, then they would be exposed. The choice would be seen to be, as Tyrie had put it. between "Labour quangocracy

and Tory democracy". Instead of embracing this strategy, however, the Shadow Cabinet allowed Lord Cranborne, the Tory Leader in the Lords, to continue his present tactics. Anything else, it was feared, would lead to a Tory split.

At first glance, the current plan looks rather similar to what Tyrie was suggesting. In reality it is nothing of the kind. Officially, Lord Cranborne wants the Government to table deelected second chamber. That tailed proposals on an elected would have meant unequivo- Upper House hefore deciding ancestors - therefore prevents

whether some form of crossparty negotiation would be worthwhile. The private talks he has been holding with Lord Richard - leaked by the Tories - reinforce the impression of co-operation.

Unofficially, though, it looks increasingly as if this is simply a delaying tactic which would give the Tories in the Lords some cover for opposing the abolition of hereditary peers. If the Government did produce its paper, then Lord Cranborne

that Hague has very little to lose by seriously promoting a second stage of reform. Especially as, contrary to conventional wisdom, ministers are more open to the idea of a democratic second chamber than they seem. Key ministers, including, I

a hill. That means, I believe,

suspect, Lord Richard, the Leader of the Lords, and Lord Irvine, who chairs the allimportant Cabinet committee on reform, are more seized of

A public punch-up with his own hereditary peers could be just what Hague needs to sharpen his profile and show he is a modern leader

his own riposte. And so on, for goodness knows how long.

The problem of this tactic is that the Government will certainly abolish hereditary peers in the next session anyway. The Labour manifesto was carefully worded to ensure it had a mandate to make that change, irrespective of any further move to an elected chamber.

The Salisbury doctrine of limited Lords power - formulated by Lord Cranborne's own

would, after due time, produce the overwhelming desirability of making reform democratic. But they cannot wait for ever, if a hill is to be ready for the next session. They would need, moreover, a bankable assur-

ance, perhaps from Hague him-

self that the Tories were serious

about also wanting real reform. The risks for Hague of adopting the reformist option are much less than they were m 1867 for Disraeli, who inevitably increased the numbers of Liberal as well as Tory voters by his reform. As for the Lord Cranborne, of course.

the Tories from wrecking such dangers of a split, the most dangerous opponents appear to be the Tory hereditary peers.

Yet, a public punch-up with his own hereditary peers could he just what Hague needs to sharpen his profile and show that he is the kind of modern, unreactionary leader he was projecting himself as last weekend. There are dangers for Hague to not acting. The Government will be able stick some of the blame on the Tories if change stops at an appointed Upper Chamber. The Tories may seem remarkahly unimportant today: hut if they went for full reform, they would able to influence events and to

do so permanently. Finally, as a matter of principle it happens to be right. The idea that it is reasonable to a late-20th-century democracy to replace a hereditary-dominated Lords with a bunch of assorted celebs, party backs and self-serving corporate donors. who can't find the time or energy to face an electorate, cannot be sustained.

The evidence suggests that Hague would like to be a reformist. But to seize this opportunity, he would have to overcome the reactionaries among his own shadow ministers. There is, as it happens, nothing new about that. Who was one of Disraeli's principal Cabinet antagonists at time of the 1867 Act? Why, a certain

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Ferdinand Porsche

THERE's something eerily pre-cise about the passing away of durance races like the Le Mans retrospective of some 30 22,000 race victorics for the cars. Porsche vehicles opens at the Design Museum in London.

Actually, "rattle" isn't a word purring Porsche supercars, Back then, however, the handmade Porsche 356 -- its name haust note with the air-cooled there was method in its design madness: its extremely tow lines and aerodynamic shape gave it a performance that belied its diminutive size.

In the five decades since, organisation's extraordinary growth with the fatherly care of a Kew Gardens nurseryman, so and its sales are rocketing. that it is now, perhaps, the finest "marque" in the world. In 1948 Porsche thought it could sell 50 sports cars a year. In July 1996 the millionth Porsche streaked off the production line.

Ferry Porsche's photograph appeared on the frontispiece of lifestyle; in stark contrast to his amd at Mercedes-Benz in 1923. customers. His secret lay in constantly and painstakingly senior perfected the superrefining the firm's core design of an air-cooled, rear-engined sports car. This meant that rac- dable Le Mans contender, the ing versions of the company's technology later transferred cars were so reliable they came neatly to Messerschmitt

Ferdinand Porsche. For it is ex- 24 hours. Porsche has won the actly 50 years since the first event more times than any othsports car bearing his name rater make, in 1983, taking the first tled into life in a remote former eight places. In 1986 a Porsche cowshed in Gmund in Car- 959 was the first sports car to inthia, Austria. And his death win the gruelling Paris Dakar comes just days before a major rally. It was just one of some

Their road cars are as coosistently dependable and solid as any German family saloon, associated with today's sleek and yet possess the charisma that makes enthusiastic drivers briswhich start in Britain at £34,000. the with excitement. It is a compromise that rivals from Lotus tn Ferrari still struggle to emderived from its design project ulate, and it has made Porsche number - shared its hrazen ex- a byword for sports-car excellence. They are not the easiest Volkswagen Beetle on which the cars to drive, the weight hias at little sports car, looking for all the rear often catching out the the world like an upturned tin novice. To master a classic rearbath, was closely based. But engined Porsche, however, is to pass a sort of initiation ceremony.

The company could make other cars. Its front-engined. V8-powered 928 is still the only sports car ever to have scooped the Car of the Year award, in "Ferry" Porsche nurtured his 1978. Recently, however, the firm has returned to its roots with the rear-engined Boxster.

Ferry Porsche was born in 1909. His father, also Ferdinand Porsche, was one of Europe's leading automotive boffins. He had created a novel electric car in 1900, the Lohner-Porsche, with electric hubs driving the usually showing him in a front wheels, an early example checked jacket - and signature of his extraordinary lateral thinking and obsession with precision, Porsche brochures for 30 years, and was appointed chief engiyet he allegedly lived a modest neer at Austro-Daimler in 1906,

It was here that Ferdinand charged engine that made the Mercedes-Benz SSK a formi-



Porsche: his cars possess a charisma that makes enthusiastic drivers bristle with excitement

Photograph: AFP

bombers in readiness for the Second World War.

For Herr Porsche was a Nazi in Stuttgart in 1931, his services were called upon to uphold German honour on the racetrack, and the Porsche-designed 16-cylinder Auto Union C-type grand prix cars went on to decimate rivals in international events throughout the 1930s.

Young Ferry drove his first father's husiness. Together, they worked on a series of prototypes which led to the birth of another Hitler dreamchild: initially called the Kraft Durch Freude, meaning "strength through joy", it ended up as plain Volks Wagen – "people's car".

War got in the way, the Volks

duction under the auspices of 77,361 356s were sold by 1965. British troops, in 1945. Just party member. After setting 1,785 were made that year, and up his own design consultancy it was scorned by a British mo- Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. tor industry commission. As the Volkswagen Beetle, however, it became the best-selling car of all time.

The Porsche clan returned to Austria in 1944, and set up shop with plans to design tractors. Early 356 production was farmed out to local contractors car aged 10, and soon joined his hut by 1950 Porsche had returned to Stuttgart. The German-built 356, largely inspired by Ferry Porsche's desire to create a cheap fun car, began to win hearts and races, and in 1951, the year the old man died. Porsche had the temerity

By then, the new Porsche 911 had been launched, designed by one of Ferry's four sons. A much-modified 911 is still on sale today.

In 1965 Ferry Porsche gained an honorary doctorate in engineering from the Technical University of Vienna. He took the family firm public in 1972, opening a large new research centre at Weissach the same year. In 1990 he became honorary chairman, a post he held until his death.

Throughout the boom-andbust era of the 1980s, he steered the company, doggedly resisting mergers, and indeed hiring out to show a car at the Earl's his company's design expertise But people knew a good cedes. When times were good, March 1998.

Wagen eventually started pro- thing when they saw it, and he found ways to expand: the cheaper Porsche 924, for instance, used an engine from a VW van, and when Boxster demand began to outstrip supply. Ferry found a factory in Finland to make extra ones -- to the consternation of his German workforce.

Ferry Porsche always retained his links with Austria, spending his final days at a holiday home in the mountains that he had bought in the 1930s. His nephew Ferdinand Piech today heads Volkswagen-Andi.

Giles Chapmar

Ferdinand Anton Ernst Porsche, engineer and businessman: born Wiener Neustadt, Austria 19 September 1909; married 1935 Dorothea Reitz (died 1993; four Although the Second World Court motor show in London, to rivals like Audi and Mer- sons); died Zell arm See, Austria 27

Elias Freij

ELIAS FREII, the veteran tinian politicians who was premayor of Bethlehem, served his pared to meet Israeli politicians, home town under British, Jor-meeting both Labour and Likud danian, Israeli and Palestinian rule. He became the standardbearer of Palestinian moderation and an advocate of Palestinian-Israeli understanding and coexistence at a time of Palestinians, he was in private great hostility between the two sides.

Freij's 25 years at the helm of Bethlehem municipality.were enough to test the patience of a saint, trying to operate under chest" to anyone who underconstant Israeli pressure and ha-Freij was also a tireless advocate widely assumed to have been diworld to keep its problems before the international commu- threats from radical Palestininity and to remind Bethlehem exiles as far away as the Unitretain close links with home. Once a year, at Christmas,

the world focused on Bethlehem as thousands of pilgrims converged on the Church of the Nativity in Manger Square. Freij always tried to use the occasion to boost the town's profile. During the intifada that erupted in December 1987, he was forced to cancel the traditional Christmas reception. As Greek Orthodox Christian, Freij expressed concern about the dwindling Christian population of the town of 50,000, where Muslims now outnumber Christians two to one. Accelerating emigration has reduced the Christians in the West Bank to just 3 per cent of Palestinians. though last year Yasser Arafat decreed that Bethlehem will al-

ways have a Christian mayor. Born in Bethlehem in 1918 in a family that traced its presence there back 500 years, Freij graduated from the British-run Bishop Gobat School in Jerusalem in 1940. In the early 1950s he headed the local branch of the Holy Land Mission, an American Presbyterianbacked charity. He owned a string of shops that sold olivewood and mother-of-pearl souvenirs, and joined the Chamber of Commerce in 1946 during the British Mandate in Palestine. He was appointed to the town's municipal council under Jordanian rule in 1960 and remained when Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 war.

He became mayor in 1972 and was re-elected in 1976. Israel banned further municipal elections in the West Bank and Freij remained in office until resigning on health grounds last May. He was the only elected Palestinian mayor who was not eventually deposed by the Israeli Palestine Liberatioo Organisation leanings (perhaps because he was seen as leaning more to the Jordanians). Freij was also the only non-PLO mayor to remain in office after the Palestinian Authority took office.

He was one of the few Pales-

leaders. This did not always help his relations with the PLO. Although publicly stating his view during the occupation that only the PLO could represent the sometimes highly critical of it. When he counselled opening peace talks with Israel during the intifada, Arafat in Tunis threatened a "a bullet in the mined the exclusive authority of rassment. The short, rotund the PLO, a threat which was for his town, travelling the rected at Freij. The mayor also suffered abuse and death ans. In 1991 militants smashed his car after he defied a call for ed States and South America to a Christmas Eve strike to protest at Israeli occupation. Relations with the PLO were smoothed over and Freij

was chosen to be a member of the Palestinian negotiating team to the Madrid peace conference in 1991. When Arafat set up an autonomous Palestinian government in 1994, Freij became the first minister of tourism. In 1995, he presided over the first Christmas in Bethlehem under Palestinian rule, days after 1sraeli troops pulled out.

Freij was a constant opponent of violence. "Both sides will suffer, and the Arabs will suffer more," His vision of peace was the Benclux model, envisioning cooperation between Israel, Jordan and the Pales-



Freil: vision of peace

tinians, "In 1972 I said we must challenge Israel with peace and not war and there will be no solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict until we take the road to peace. These things were not accepted at the time," he recalled recently.

Freij died the day before the Palestinians commemorate Israeli land expropriation with Land Day, From his Bethlehem home, Freij had a clear view of the Gilo Jewish settlement, built Beit Jala on expropriated land.

Felix Coriev

Elias Freij, politician: born Bethlehern, Palestine 1918; Mayor of Bethlehem 1972-97; Minister of Tourism, Palestine 1994-97; married (six children): died Amman, Jordan 29 March 1998.

Jim Poole

JIM POOLE was the only male the grime and the rather pecu- Allen comedy for a grand total in the fourth generation of a liar green and yellow decorashow-business family which cre- tion, the Victorian architecture ated a highly successful travel- of the building was pretty ling attraction, a precursor of good". Poole had to patch a the cinema, called the Myrio- leaking roof and dispatch the rat rama. Poole made his own mark population before re-launching by establishing the Cameo cinema as a notable outlet for top his father's advice. quality foreign films in his home became president in 1968-69 of programming at the Cosmo in the powerful Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association.

it as the Cameo in 1949 against

He was inspired not only by which continental films could Back in 1948, the Camco was then be hired. He had huge sucthe King's, which Poole re- cesses with Jacques Tati's comecalled in a 1996 interview as "a dies among others and in 1978, third-run cinema in a very de- when the hig circuits spurned crepit state, but, if you got past Annie Hall, played the Woody icance of each view to the ac- he put on the map with some certificate horror double bills and

of 16 weeks. He also served on the council of the Edinhurgh Film Festival, which used the Cameo for screenings.

By the time Jim Poole was born, the Myriorama had been tory," declared Poole. Paintings largely replaced by moving pictures. But it lasted until the erpool, the view off the Needles talkies came in 1928 - in its fi-Christmas treat. Poole de-Glasgow but by the low rates for scribed it as "a series of large moving canvases and tableaux". a lecturer explained the signif- built Regent in Aberdeen which

Wars and disasters were to Odeoo and renamed, but he Loss of the Titanic held the boxoffice take - it was the greatest success in our Myriorama his-

showed the departure from Liv-

and the rescue of survivors. Educated at Durham, Poole was trained in every aspect of Tall rolls of panoramic paintings the cinema business before, at were slowly extended across the age of 21, heing put in the full width of the stage while charge of his father's newly

highly popular subjects. "The returned as guest of honour at the 50th anniversary in 1982. The Poole circuit included the sleek new Roxy in the Ed-

companiment of sound effects. lively publicity stunts. It was sold was still highly profitable when

inburgh suburh of Gorgie, which opened in 1937 and succumbed to bingo in 1963, plus lighthouse, the crash into the ice- the Hippodrome, Gloucester, Coliseum, Cheltenham, Poole's also retained the cavernous Synod Hall nn Edinburgh's Castle Terrace which housed the circuit headquarters in its Room 18.

In contrast to the Cameo, the Synod Hall specialised in X- remained vacant for years. The Cameo was the last of

in 1965 the City Council forced

its closure and rapid demolition

for a new opera house -- the site

the Poole cinemas, closed when he retired in September 1982, but subsequently re-opened imder new management and beauspecialised films with two new mini-cinemas attached. Allen Eyles

John Kennedy Stafford Poole, film exhibitor: born 7 July 1911; married 1936 Iris Sterckx (three daughters); died 16 lanuary 1998.

O'Brien: no soft options

Kate Cruise O'Brien

emerged on to the lively Irish writing scene of the Seventies with an immediate impact, winning the Hennessy Literary Award in 1971 when just 22 with one of her first short stories.

After studying English at Trinity College Duhlin, where she also took a diploma in education, she soon married. She initially planned a career in

crèche for children of working one of a clutch of small but promothers while bringing up her son Alexander.

Her first book, Gift Horse, published in 1979, also won an she became editorial director award and she fullowed this in the early 1980s by hranching out into newspaper work with a column in the Irish Independent.

A second career opened in book publishing when several

lific Irish literary houses. Working alongside the enthusiastic publisher Phil MacDermott. and won wide respect through her discerning eye for emerging new writers.

MacDermott was full of praise for the contribution of his new lieutenant, whose contri-

KATE CRUISE O'BRIEN reaching but instead opened a years later she jnined Poolbeg, bution effectively resurrected a back distribution through British mission had wandered after its major 1983 success with The Boss, Joe Joyce and Peter Murtagh's classic warts-and-all hi- is Getting Married. She praised ography of Charles Haughey. Joyce observed with admiration up with a clutch of blockbusters work the painful experience of as if from nowhere". Several

company that by his own ad- and international publishers.

Among her finds was Marian Keyes, best-selling author of Water Melons and Lucy Sullivan O'Brien's unwillingness to allow her any "soft options" in her how O'Brien "was able to come story-telling. Charting in one recovery from addiction, Keyes were sold on for wider paper- recalled in the Irish Times, "I

begged to be absolved from it, but Kate was quite matter of fact. You've got to write the book that wants to be written.' she kept saying."

MacDermott described O'Brien as "irreptaceahte, a unique and wonderful talent". She was the daughter of the formidable and controversial diplomat, journalist and author Conor Cruise O'Brien,

nne-time editor-in-chief nf the Observer and recently adviser to the small UK Unionist Party in Northern Ireland. Her mother is the Derry-born Christine

Alan Murdoch

Kate Cruise O'Brien, writer and publisher: born Dublin 1948; married 1971 Joseph Keamey (one son); died Dublin 26 March 1998.

DEATHS

DUNLOP: On 28 March, at St DUNLOP: On 28 March, at St Thomas Nursing Home, Basingstoke, peacefully, after a long illness, Peter Angus Renton, dearest husband of Verrall. Loved and loving father of Louisa and Hatty, proud "Papa" to Freddy and Tom. Co-founder of Fraser and Dunkop. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Crisis (caring for the homeless) c/o Camp Hopson. Funeral Directors, 90 West Street, Newbury RG14 IHA. Funeral Monday 6 April at 2.30pm at Douai Abbey, Woolhampton.

FISHER: Bridget Maureen (Biddy), nee Achason, wife of the late Canon John H.W. Fisher, of Berkeley and Rockhampton, on Friday 27 March 1998. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service, followed by interment of sahes, at 2pm on Friday 3 April at St Oswald's Church, Rockhampton, No flowers in Lent, but donations may be made in aid of Berkeley and Rock-hampton Churches, clo Grimes & Goscombe Funeral Services, Chipping Manor, The Chipping, Wonton-under-Edge GL12 7AD.

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MCKS: David Nightingale, died Sunday afternoon, 29 March 1998, in his 70th year, after a mercifully short light against cancer, peacefully, at home in bed looking out over his beloved garden, surrounded by his adoring family. Funeral this Saturday, 4 April, 1, 30am, at the Church of St Mary the Vision Funeral Confortshire Memo-Virgin, Eweline, Oxfordshire, Memorial Service in London to follow in

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BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

MAYNARD: Joan. Born 5 July 1921, died 27 March 1998, aged 76. Funeral St Oswald's Church, Sowerby, Thirsk, 2pm. Friday 3 April. Flowers eto Ruecroft, 23 Cumdall Avenue, Aseny, North Yorkshire, or donations to

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HINSLEY: A Memorial Service for Pro-fessor Sir Harry Hinsley OBE MA FBA, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and sometime Master, Emeritus Professor of the History of International Relations and sometime Vice-Chancellor, will be held in St John's College Chapel on Saturday 2 May 1998 at 12 noon, Application forms for tickets may be obtained from the Chapel Clerk, St John's College, Cambridge CB2 TTP.

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays Mr Herb Alpert, musician, 62; Pro-fessor Patrick Bateson, Provost,

King's College, Cambridge, 60; Mr Richard Chamberlain, actor, 63; Mr Robbie Coltrane, actor, 48; Mr Alan Duncan MP, 41; Air Marshal Sir Herbert Durkin, 76; Mr Don Foster MP, 51; Mr John Fowles, novelist, 72; Mr David Heneker, composer and lyricist, 92; Mr John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the Stock Exchange, 62; Sir Pat Lowry, former president, Institute of Personnel Management, 78; Sir Derek Pattinson, former secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 68: Air Comrector, WRAF, 67; The Right Rev Dom John Roberts, former Abbot of Downside, 79; Mr Bob Russell MP, Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock. Professor of Medicine, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 80; Lord Steet of Aikwood, former MP. 60; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, chemical engineer, 88; Mr Sidney Weighell, former trade union leader, 76; Mr Nicholas Winterton MP, 60.

Anniversaries

Births: René Descartes, philoso-pher, 1596; Andrew Marvell, poet, pamphleteer and politician, 1621. Seaths: Juhn Donne, poet, 1631; John Constable, painter, 1837; Char-lotte Bronte, novelist, 1855. On this days the Eiffel Tower was mangurated in Paris, 1889; Whitcomb Judson, inventor, patented the zip fastener, 1896. Today is the Feast Day of St Acacius or Achatius, St Balbina, St Benjamin and St Guy of Pomposa.

LAW REPORT: 31 MARCH 1998

Use of words 'farm fluid' in name was passing off

Antec Internatio South Western Chicks (Warren) Ltd; Chancery Division (Michael Hart QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division) 27 March 1998

THE WORDS "farm fluid" in the name of an agricultural disinfectant were not merely descriptive but were capable of being appropriated as a trade Duke, fiminster) for the defendant. name, and their use in the name of a rival product, accordingly, amounted to passing off.

The plaintiff, Antec International Ltd, succeeded in an action for passing off against the defendant, South Western Chicks (Warren) Ltd.

The plaintiff had for many years manufactured and sold an agricultural disinfectant using the brand name "Antec Farm Fluid S". At the 1996 Stoneleigh agricultural show the defendant

agricultural disinfectant under leading to confusion, or wheththe name "Super Farm Fluid". and was subsequently found to be marketing the product as "SWC Super Farm Fluid". The plaintiff brought an action for passing off, and obtained an interlocutory injunction.

Richard Hacon (instructed by Lupton Fawcett) for the plaintiff; Denise McFarland (instructed by Baker & Michael Hart QC said that the

parties were at issue on each of the elements of the "classical trinity of the tort of passing off, namely, whether the plaintiff had acquired goodwill in the name "Farm Fluid", the defendant contending that the term by itself was so generally descriptive that it had not acquired any secondary connotation in which goodwill could

er the addition of the prefixes "SWC" and "Super" to the defendant's product sufficed to dispel any potential confusion; and whether more than would be likely to be caused to the plaintiff's goodwill. There was no controversy

about the hasic facts. The plaintiff made and sold, inter alia, disinfectants for use on farms. It was the market leader in England in that field. The name "Farm Fluid" had first been used as a name by Jeyes pic. In 1976 the plaintiff had acquired from Jeyes plc the business of Jeyes' Animal Health Division, which had included the making and selling of "Jeyes Farm Fluid". The plaintiff had continued to make

id", and from 1985 as "Antec tive of the plaintiff's product. Farm Fluid S". The unchallenged evidence

of the plaintiff established con-

clusively that the words "Farm Fluid" had come to be associminimal damage had been or ated in the minds of the relevant section of the public (i.e. farmers) with the Antec product, hut the defendant contended that the words were so generally descriptive that they could not serve, or be taken in law as serving, to distinguish the Antec product in the minds of the relevant section of the public from other similar products.

The courts would be very slow to intervene to protect a trade name which was simply. descriptive. Whilst it was true that the words "farm" and "fluid" were common English words, the words "farm fluid" and sell that product, but from in conjunction, however, were subsist; whether there had 1979 onward had marketed not In order to demonstrate of its product. had advertised a competing been any misrepresentation and sold it as "Antec Farin Fluthat they were simply description."

evidence of a general usage amongst farmers of the term "farm fluid" to describe agricultural disinfectants sold in liqaid form would have been required, and there was no such evidence in the instant case.

The plaintiff had, oo the evidence of witnesses in the trade established that the marketing and sale of a product named "SWC Super Farm Fluid" would be likely to lead a substantial proportion of farmers 10 believe that there was some trade connection between that product and that of the plaintiff

It followed almost inevitably that there was a likelihood that the plaintiff would suffer damage which was more than minimal if the defendant was permitted to use the words "Farm Fluid" in the description

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Chinese premier's visit awakens bitter memories

By Terry Macalister

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THE CHINESE PREMIER Zhu Ronji, arrives in London today with British business leaders lobbying furiously to win access to the most populous market in the world.

Royal & Sun Alliance hopes to become the first UK insurer to gain approval to operate in China, while Burmah Castrol yesterday announced new plans for expansion in the region.

But not everyone thinks China is the land of opportunity. It years ago. Then Mr Gosling's ment officials. It had London of-

is also one of danger, according Zoneheath Associates was lookto Richard Gosling, a Londonbased entrepreneur. He invested millions of pounds only to find himself cheated out of money and legal judgements ig-

He told The Independent esterday: "When I first became involved 1 thought I was dealenvironment. By the end it was like a James Bond movie with car chases and people following me nn foot round London."

That was not his view 10

ing for a low-cost facility to produce printed circuit boards for a new generation of car alarms.

Mr Gosling had potential contracts for equipment from Selmar Alarms when he was introduced to Zhai Zhi Ming, a representative from China Tianim International Economic ing with a normal commercial and Technical Co-operative Corp (CTIETCC).

> This Chinese company is the 14th-largest state-owned corporation in China and its senior management were all govern-

the Chinese embassy.

Mr Goding was invited to Transin where he was feted by the local major. Zoneheath signed a joint venture agreement with CTTETCC and immediately invested £250,000 to help re-equip one of CTIETCC's factories for producing circuit boards. Zoneheath also entered into a second deal to produce footpumps for cars.

But time passed and no circuit boards materialised. A consignment of footpumps arrived four months after they were sup-

fices in the commercial office of posed to. Their quality made them unsaleable.

> Alarmed at the lack of progress, Mr Gosling told CTI-ETCC he wanted to come over to Tranjin and discuss the issue. but was told such a visit was inappropriate. After further stalling Mr Gosling realised he had been "shafted". He asked the British Foreign Office for help and was told by Richard Needham, the then trade minister, that he would raise the issue on a

forthcoming visit. He didn't. In exasperation Mr Gosling started High Court proceedings

against the Chinese for breach change when Wilde Sapte, the of contract. In January 1992 he law firm, obtained a winding up won his case and by September had compensation, costs with in-

terest awarded in his favour. But the judgment was ignored and Mr Gosling found himself being forced to hire lawyers in the UK and Far East in a bid to seize CTIETCC's assets.

Gosling visited Beijing for further talks with CTIETCC. He was warned by the British embassy there not to leave his hotel alone. Mr Gosling returned to London with only promises.

The picture only began to

Gosling had obtained enough compensation to cover the costs of hiring lawyers. But his struggle has left him feeling outraged.

prepared to pay up.

He said last night: "CTI-ETCC nfficials were not governed by any legal, moral or commercial considerations. They were above the law and this has not changed."



Richard Gosling: 'It was

BMW pledges £350m new cash for Rolls

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE, the huxury carmaker that has been a symbol of British prestige for nearly a century, passed into German hands yesterday.

BMW, which already owns Rover, is buying Rolls for £340m - more than double the book value ascribed to it by its present owners, Vickers. The actual cost of the deal is likely to creep upwards as Vickers expects capital investment since January to be paid for by BMW.

2,600-strong workforce at Crewe, invest more than £350m and triple worldwide annual sales of Rolls and Bentleys to 6,000.

It is taking over a company whose models have the 20th century. Rolls-Royce said it was sad the company was moving out of British ownership news for the company's future.

BMW was already making engines for Rolls-Royce and was favourite to win the battle for the the Crewe workforce currently makes the twocompany once Vickers announced last autumn door Bentley Continental, R and Azure models. that it was up for sale.

Other contenders had included Germany's Volkswagen and two private consortia, including a group of Rolls-Royce owners. VW is still committed to establish a luxury car brand and the news and can now look forward to the fuis reportedly looking at resurrecting the premier ture with even greater confidence."

Mercedes will also be keeping a close eye on BMW's move. It is planning to launch a luxury imousine in competition with Rolls-Royce.

Vickers insisted it had got a good price for the company and had found Rolls-Royce "a good home". However, a group of enthusiasts who also bid for the company warned they would fight the proposed take-over.

The Rolls Royce Acquisition Consortium said: We bid more than £300m. We will top it up to BMW's bid ... we will encourage sharebolders to vote against the current hid."

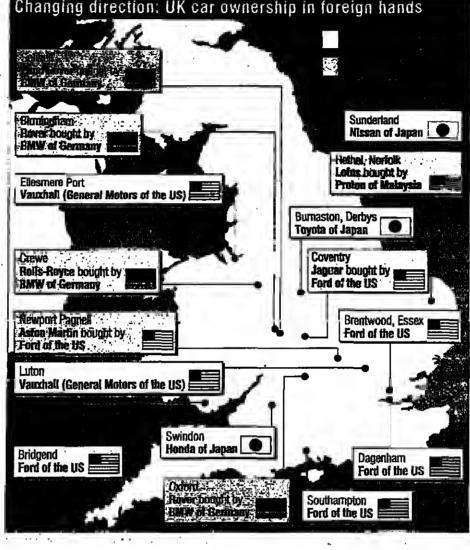
BMW is unlikely to lose any sleep over that. The German car giant promised to double the Bernd Pischetsrieder, BMW's chairman, outlined his company's likely plans for Rolls-Royce at the Geneva Motor Show earlier this month.

This included pumping in £1hn of investment in two new model lines over 10 years. Motor inbeen used by the rich and famous throughout dustry experts say the first of the new cars to emerge could be a baby Bentley based on the prototype "Java", showcased in 1994 and priced but staff agreed that the BMW takeover was good. at £100,000. A BMW 5 series chassis was used in the design of the Java. As well as producing the new Silver Seraph,

> Worldwide Rolls-Royce sales last year reached 1,918 - 10 per cent up on the 1996 figure. Graham Morris, chief executive of Rolls-

> Royce Motor Cars, said: "We are delighted with

He added: "We know BMW very well and en-



joy an excellent working relationship with them. bave greeted the news well this morning and are This outcome provides the most positive com- brushing up on their German." mitment to the future of Rolls-Royce and Bentley in Crewe and to the security of employment of our 2,600 loyal employees."

Steve Taylor, works convenor for the Amalgamated Engineering Union which has 1,000 members at Crewe, said: "We needed long-term investment and it looks like we've got it. People

The sale of Rolls-Royce to a foreign enterprise follows a well established pattern. It follows Ford's acquisition of Aston Martin and Jaguar, BMW's purchase of Rove, and the purchase of Lotus by Proton of Malaysia. Only specialty carmakers such as sports-car maker TVR Engineering remain in British hands.

Bacardi wins Dewar's in £1.15bn deal

By Andrew Yates

BACARDI-MARTINI, the Bermuda-based spirits giant. has pulled off one of the biggest deals the drinks industry has to lead to hring forward plans ever seen. The world's higgest rum maker has agreed to pay £1.15bn in cash for Dewar's, America's best selling whisky, and Bombay gin, the fastest growing spirits brand.

Bacardi beat off more than 20 rivals to win an auction for the two hrands and the final price smashed City forecasts. Diageo stands to make a profit of £460m on the deal. Dewar's and Bombay made

a combined marketing spend of around £70m. The deal satisfies Bacardi's craving for a leading whisky brand to go alongside its white rum, which is the higgest selling brand in the world, and furthers its amhition to begroup the chance to develop Bombay Sapphire, one of the most exciting of the new spir-

its brands, around the world. About £500m of the sale proceeds have already been earmarked to help pay the

£2.9bn special dividend Diageo announced last year. The rest of the money will go to pay off some of the group's debts. However analysts believe that the humper sales price is likely to make further returns to shareholders via a share huy back or another special dividend.

Diageo was formed last December when Guinness and Grand Metropolitan merged to create the largest drinks combine in the world. It was forced to sell the brands by June to get the green light for the blockbuster deal from the US and European and competition authorities, Bacardi's acquisition profits of £95m last year, after will safeguard the future of Dewar's four distilleries in Scotland.

The acquisition of Dewar's is a hig strategic move for Bacardi, which had annual sales of \$2.7bn (£1.6hn) and made pretax profits of \$234m in the 64 weeks to March 1997, George come a major force in the B. Reid Jr. Bacardi's president drinks industry. It also gives the and chief executive, said: "In an industry that is consolidating rapidly to a few, very powerful players, it became clear to us that Bacardi had a unique opportunity to acquire two world-

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Decaux trumps More Group bid

By Kerry Benefield

DECAUX, the advertising giant, made good on its challenge for rival More Group yesterday, offering a bid which trumped the £466m put forward by US media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications earlier this month. More Group withdrew its

Channel sale yesterday, advising shareholders to take no action. "We want to maximise shareholder value, but we also want to maximise certainty and deliverability," a spokesman need clarification on the regulatory issues."

The offer by New Decaux, a no UK problem." wholly owned subsidiary of Devalued More Group at £475m Clear Channel offer, and a vertising market.

35 per cent premium to the closing price of the More Group the day before Clear Channel's March 4 bid.

"The combination of More Group with Decaux will generate considerable strategic and commercial benefits for both businesses by bringing together Decaux's strong presence in continental European markets and More Group's strong porecommendation of the Clear sition in the UK and Scandinavia." Decaux said in a statement yesterday.

A spokesman for Decaux said the company had consulted with a legal team about the offer and does not expect its said vesterday, adding: "We hid to he sidelined by any British regulatory issues. "In relation to the UK hid, there is

The combination of More caux of France, yesterday and Decaux would have an 88 per cent share of the UK and offered a payout of 1110p market for advertising on street per share. The offer represents furniture, but only about 24 per a premium of 8 per cent to the cent of the overall outdoor ad-

Mattel thwarts hostile bid for Bluebird Toys

By Kerry Benefield

MATTEL, the US toy giant, yesterday launched a £46m agreed bid for Bluehird Toys, in effect thwarting the hostile £42m takeover offer initiated by Guinness Peat Group in January. The offer by Mattel, the

maker of Barbie dolls, came more than a month after Bluehird rejected a hid of 101p-ashare from GPG. The latest offer values Bluebird at 111pa-share, which Bluebird said it accepted "in the absence of any higher offer".

A spokesman for Mattel said it would be "very surprising" if another offer were put on the table. "The market thinks this is it."

Bluebird, the maker of Polly Pocket and The Tiny Disney Collection, has been under fire for drastic profit losses in recent years. The market responded to the announcement by dropping

111.5p. Mattel's offer represents a 30.6 per cent premium over Bluebird's closing share price of 85p a share on 16 January, the

day before GPG's initial offer. The deal was unveiled as Mattel announced it was exercising its rights to manufacture Polly Pocket in North America, which Chris Burgin, Bluebird's chief executive, said would lead to the "consequential reduction in profits to Bluebird from this

Later, Guinness Peat said this statement showed the deal was "onerous and prejudicial" to Bluebird. Blake Nixon, an executive director, said: "It is extraordinary that an offeree only sees fit on the 45th day of an offer period finally to inform shareholders of the existence of

vitally important product".

such prejudicial arrangements." Bluebird's North American sales in 1996 were £15.7m, but fell to £5.8m in 1997. Polly Pocket is a key product in Blue-

Bluebird's share price 3p to hird's arsenal, yet the North American market failed in respond to the toy.

A 1999 relaunch of Polly Pocket has been planned, a move which Jill Barad, the chairman of Mattel, said would be shored up with the company's hacking: "The offer reflects Mattel's confidence in the Polly Pocket and The Disney Tiny Collection hrands. Our acquisition ... will ensure that Mattel is well-positioned to grow these brands to their full potential."

Mr Burgin said the acquisition would reduce shareholder risk. "A great deal of the potential value in Bluebird depends upon the successful relaunch of Polly Pocket and The Tiny Disney Collection in North America which necessarily carries with it not inconsiderable risks," he said. "This offer from Mattel removes any risk or uncertainty for our shareholders as to the future outcome of these relaunches."

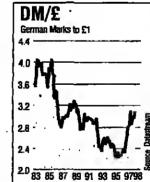
Export plea for rates freeze as pound hits 10-year high

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

THE POUND soared yesterday to its highest level against the German mark this decade. Sterling fever on the foreign exchanges led to fresh pleas from industry to the Bank of England not to raise interest rates when its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets next week.

The pound jumped from just under DM3.08 to a whisker helow DM3.10, the highest since August 1989. Its index against a range of currencies rose 0.5 to 108.7. The sterling index has gained 4 per cent since the start of this year and nearly 2 per cent since the Budget.

. Analysts predicted the pound would stay strong for the foreseeable future. Gerard Lyons at DKB said: "The British economy is in better shape than the Continental economies, and the pound can stay stronger for longer. We're just going to have to put up with it.'



Business organisations were pessimistic about the prospect of any respite from the exchange rate squeeze, which companies complain is pricing UK goods out of export markets.

Alan Armitage, economic adviser at the Engineering Employers' Federation, said: "The pain is there, but it is hard to see what policy measures could be taken."

Kate Barker of the Confed-"If the pound stays at this kind a year earlier.

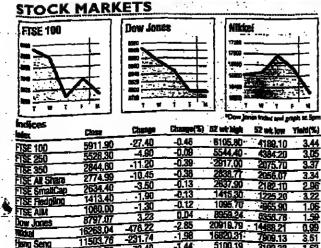
of level for the rest of the year. you can expect to see exporters starting to pull out of markets and multinationals starting to shift their production elsewhere."

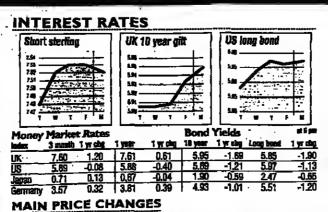
Figures hinting at a slowdown in consumer spending at home, which might belp the doves on the MPC win their argument again this month, had no impact on the markets. The increase in consumer

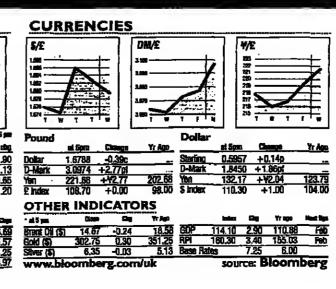
credit in Fehruary was £1.1hn, down from a record £1.3bn in January. The Bank also reported a modest slowdown in the growth of M0, the parrow money measure consisting mainly of cash in circulation, fitting in with anecdotal reports of a slower pace of high street spending.

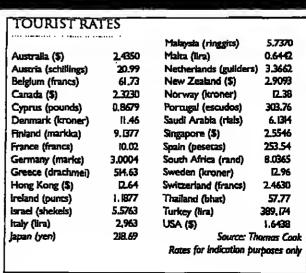
Separately, the Nationwide huilding society said hnuse prices rose less rapidly in March, although they had now comfortably passed their 1989 peak. Prices rose by 0.8 per cent during the month to reach a eration of British Industry said: level 12.3 per cent higher than

Yesterday in the markets









Buy-back bonanza for three firms' investors

By Nigel Cope City Correspondent

shareholders yesterday as shares edged up 5p to 542.5p. three companies announced. WH Smith led the way with plans for a £250m capital return following the completion of the £300m sale of Waterstnne's to HMV Media. Burmah Castrol, the lubricants group, also sbowered its shareholders with £250m. Sepmini conglomerate, annnunced a £50m share buy-

Shareholders in WH Smith will receive 53.75p per share. representing a return of 10 per cent of the company's market value, or £150m. The buyback will be effected via the issue and huy-back of B shares. At the same time where will be a consolidation of the company's share capital on the hasis of nine new ordinary shares for under which the company will every 10 currently held. The remainder of the capital return will be conducted though market purchase of around £100m.

turn was in line with analysts' expectations and the City drew additional comfort from the company's comments that it would consider further huyhacks. These will depend on the outcome of negotiations. with Virgin over the sale of Smith's 75 per cent stake in the Virgin-Our Price music group.

We will sell to Virgin if they are prepared to pay us a sensible price for the business," said Richard Handover, Smith's chief executive. "But we're in no great rush to do it." Smith's has an option to buy the remainder of the business

He said there were no plans for further corporate activity. £30m.

We're just in the process of buying John Menzies and we have a lot of work to do on the IT WAS a humper day for .existing business." Smiths

Burmah Castrol plans to resubstantial share huy-backs. turn not less than £250m of capital to shareholders although these plans are not expected in be executed until after April 1999. The company intends to seek shareholder approval at this year's annual general meeting to buy back up to 10 per cent of its arately Ascot, the engineering share capital. Management will renew this power annual-

> But the company is likely to wait until ACT is aholished in the spring of next year before moving ahead as this would be more tax efficient and "serve shareholders' best interests".

Tim Stevenson, the new chief executive, said the eventual figure could be higher than £250m. It is part of a strategy of balance sheet management also redeem its small number of preference shares.

Burmah shares soared 69p to 1170p on the huyback plans The size of Smith's cash re- plus hetter than expected pretax profits which were 7 per cent ahead at £279m.

Shares in Ascot Holdings, the engineering group run by Hamley's chairman Howard Dyer, climbed on news that the company is returning £50m to shareholders, worth around · 61p per share. Ascot is seeking shareholder approval for the re-purchase of up to 10 per cent of its stock.

Mr Dyer said that trading results in the first two months of the year were ahead of 1997's and that substantial funds were being committed to organic growth. The shares rose 31.5p to 296.5p. Profits last year rose from £6m to

Milk float delivers a 25% share price gain for Express Dairies



Liquid assets: A milkman unloads his empties at the West Hampstead, London, depot of Express Dairies, which yesterday enjoyed a buoyant debut on the stock market following its demerger from Northern Foods. The

shares gained more than 25 per cent from their opening price of 142p to close 40p up at 182p. Northern Foods' shares closed 78p lower at 223.5p. Analysts said the Increase in Express Dairies' shares was partly due to

ton Silver, the former Marks &

Spencer director, headed up the

remuneration committee. The

Stephen Rubin's total pay

was unchanged last year at

£344,233, However, because of

his 53 per cent stake in the com-

pany, his dividend cheque last

year was for £7.5m. Andrew Ru-

bin was paid £232,000, up from

tice," a spokesman said.

takeover speculation. Express Dairies is the UK's largest supplier of Equid milk and has the largest share of the doorstep delivery market, which has been suffering steady decline.

Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

Pentland defends £1 m payoff to directors

TWO DIRECTORS of Pentland, the Speedo and Ellesse sportswear group, received combined payoffs of almost flm last year. Frank Farrant, the finance

director who quit in March, received £332,000 for loss of office and was paid a further £178,000 for three months of consultancy work. Patrick McGuigan, the chief operations director who resigned in May, received a bonus of £257,000. The two directors also made substantial gains from the exercise of share options.

Pentland defended the payments, revealed in the company's

latest annual report, saying they executive director and that Clinwere part of the two directors' contractual entitlements, "They [the payments] were to the letter of the contracts and were made company has taken a number of steps to comply with best practo people who had given good service to the company over a number of years."

Pentland received widespread criticism last year when the company appointed 33year-old Andrew Rubin as chief executive. He is the son of Stephen Rubin, the chairman of Pentland and the majority £186,000 the previous year. His shareholder. The company insisted yes-

terday that it was acting in accordance with corporate the total wage bill for directors governance guidelines it said it to £2.5m for the year, an in-

ICI pays £560m for US speciality chemicals unit

By Terry Macalister

ICI yesterday stepped up its expansion into specialty chemicals with the £560m cash purchase of US-based Acheson ndustries.

The move is the second big equisition this year for ICI, which has just spent £350m buying Williams's European Home Improvement business. ICL which makes Dulux

paint and Polyfilla cement, will combine Acheson with National Starch and Chemical, a business it bought last year.

pay included a bonus of £75,000 plus other taxable benefits of Acheson makes materials £28,000. The increases took used in electronics for televisions, computers, medical sys-1997 sales of \$189m (£112.5m)

and earnings of \$46m before interest and tax.

ICI now joins Laporte, Britain's fourth biggest chemical maker, in expanding its electronics industry supply business. This industry has generated consistently higher returns than ICI's mainstay commodity chemicals.

"It's a profitable industry with long-term massive growth still to come from electronics and computers," said Philip Morrish, analyst with Nikko Securities in London.

ICI first made a significant move into specialty chemicals and materials last year with the \$8bn purchase of Umlever NV divisions including Quest International and National Starch.

Government sells Mersey **Docks** stake for £70m

By Andrew Verity

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday sold its stake in the Mersey Docks and Harbour company for £70m in the first sell-off of state assets since Labour came to power.

The sale of the 14 per cent stake follows the resolution in January of a bitter, two-year dispute between 327 dockers and the company's management.
ABN Amro Rothschild, act-

ing as adviser to the Treasury, said £70m was raised through the sale of 12.4 million shares at 565p each, which represented the mid-price on offers for the shares: The sale was oversubscribed, the company said.

The Mersey dockers were locked out in November 1995 after they went on strike in sympathy with staff at a local firm of stevedores. Since coming to power in May, the Government has resisted calls by union leaders to use its stake to intervene on behalf of dockers.

The dockers became a cause célèbre last year as football stars such as Liverpool's Robbie Fowler backed the lockedout workers. In January, Mersey Docks and Harbour spent more than £9m settling the dispute, offering the dockers a hump sum worth £28,000 each.

Trevor Furlong, the company's chief executive, said the dispute was now behind the company. He also pledged to boost an investment programme, spending £25m on a deep water berth and cold storage in Sheerness, Kent, and £10m on the Twelve Quays ferry terminal in Liverpool.

The company's profits climbed by 16.6 per cent to £34.6m last year - even after a £10m provision for settling the dispute. Cargo volumes rose at both of its ports, Liverpool and Medway.

The Government now stands to make £70m - compared to less than £60m last year. Shares in the company have risen from 490p to 573p within the last year, valuing the company at more

than £0.5bn. Mersey Docks shares closed up 3p at 576.5p."

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Burmah keeps

THERE are many factors which have taken revs out of the Burmah Castrol's share price: a soaring pound, increasingly mature western markets and economic turnoil in the Far East. But the luhricants to chemicals group which powers (and sponsors) the highly successful Williams Formula One racing team still has its foot firmly down

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on the accelerator. Yesterday it announced a higher than expected 7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £279.7m for 1997 and its shares roared ahead 69p to 1170p. Investors stand to benefit further from a £250m. share buyback, although for tax reasons this will not be executed until after April 1999.

Competitiveness is growing ever more intense in the mature North American and European markets. But innovative marketing, tight cost controls and supply chain efficiencies leave Burmah Castrol scope for growth.

The group is in the middle of a radical restructuring as its management slims back the company to concentrate on core businesses. The chemicals division is being repositioned with the disposal of the achesives and metal carbonyiates divisions. A 50 per cent stake in a liquid gas project and a 64 per cent holding in Pakistan Petroleum have been discarded while a small number of other peripheral activ-ities, like fuels in Ireland and

Belgium will eventually follow. And although Burmah Castrol was hit by the economic turmoil in South-east Asia in the last quarter of 1997, it has escaped the worst of the region's problems. 1998 will see the company's Thai and Malay activities struggle a bit but the overall impact on group profits will be slight. Now Burmah Castrol is planning a big push into China.

Burmah Castrol: At a glance Five-year record 1993 Turnovar (Ebri) 27 29 2.9 3.0 Fre-tax profits (Em) . . . 181.7 . 219.5 261.4 Enriches per stars (p) 74.2 38.8 40.5

The strong pound knocked £42m off operating profits in 1997 and will continue to hit the company hard this year. Broker Robert Fleming predicts 1998 post-tax profits of £154m compared with £160.2m in 1997.

At constant currencies, pretax profits would have been up 23 per cent last year and underlying earnings should continue to grow strongly. Sitting on a for-ward multiple of 15 the shares next two years. There are also remain good long-term value.

Premier price for Man Utd

pitch as well as on it. The name. shares have fallen from a peak of 183p at the end of 1996 and Far Eastern retailer, a stake in local newspaper websites as a the group has underperformed a new hotel next to Old Traf-

European Cup cost the group over the next few years. Rising any downtum. Analysis forecast nearly £4m in lost ticket television income from the revenues. Poor league form new BSkyB deal should offset shares, up 3.5p to 293p yester-

the stock has suffered as the football sector continues to lose fans, hardly helped by a spectacular own goal by Newcastle United directors.

Man Utd's shares slipped another 2p to 139.5p yesterday reflecting disappointment that the club failed to announce a blockbuster new sponsorship deal, choosing instead to renew fears that a sharp rise in players First, the cost savings from inwages could dent profit

profits rose a bealthy 11 per Also important is investmentcent to £17.5m, despite a Pearson had starved its division £1.5m rise in players costs. of new machinery. Newsquest And to bracket Man Utd with spent £10m on capital spending MANCHESTER United have other football clubs is to ignore last year and is likely to splash been struggling for form off the its real strength of its brand out £15m this year.

the market by 36 per cent over ford and its new television And while Newsquest is benechannel hint at some of the fiting from rising advertising rev-An early exit from the possibilities available the club ennes, it remains vulnerable to

could eventually make a killing, although it could take several years to get the ball

Analysts forecast full-year profits of around £28m, patting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 18. Whether or not Man Utd wins the Premiership, the club remains in a league of its own financially. The share price weakness represents a good buying apportunity.

Newsquest profits rise

NEWSQUEST is a clear example of what can be done with an unfashionable business when management concentrate on nothing else. When Reed Elsevier and Pearson decided to sell their regional newspaper divisions they were applauded by investors for dumping dull husinesses.

So how come Newsquest is dning so well? The company, which bought the Reed and Pearson divisions with the help of US buyout specialists Kohlberg Kravis Roberts before joining the market at a share price of 250p last October, has managed to revitalise them. Full-year results for 1997, published yesterday, showed opcrating profits of £70m - up 43 per cent on the previous year on a pro-forma basis.

According to Jim Brown. Newsquest's chairman, that performance is down to two factors. tegrating the Pearson and Reed businesses, which will be about Nevertheless, pre-transfer £5m-a-year when complete.

Newsquest is also building An imminent tie-up with a up its online services, using its has put their third successive any hike in costs. Then there day, on a forward p/e ratio of championship in doubt. And is pay per view. Man Utd. 13. Good long-term value.

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OUTLOOK ON THE GERMAN BID FOR ROLLS, THE VALUE OF **BRANDS AND** THE DEPARTURE OF SIR DESMOND PITCHER

Bavarians take another drive down nostalgia lane

BERND Pischetsrieder, the chairman of Vickers, sensibly allied some modern Britain's motoring beritage and a pair of very deep pockets. It was his obsession with the Wolseley and Riley that made him buy Rover four years ago.

Yesterday be was overcome by the Spirit of Ecstasy and walked off with Rolls-Royce, the only important marque left in British hands.

The boys from Bavaria are still waiting for Mr Pischetsrieder's previous bout nf nostalgia to pay off. Since 1994 BMW has invested more than £2bn in Rover only to see it run up losses of £350m and allow its market share to drift down to around 10 per cent.

It might have got within sight of a profit this year, even under German accounting conventions, but the strong pound has dashed those hopes.

Rolls-Royce is not quite the same. Unlike Rover, it is genuinely a trooply asset. Whatever else is said about British craftmanship, the Roller remains a lyword for luxuiy and style.

It is the most famous margne in the world. Unlike Rover, Rolls is also profitable. Six years ago its current owners,

BMW, has a costalgic attachment in management techniques to all the walnut, leather and wool at Crewe and turned Rolls into a business that could break-even at 1400 cars a year.

Current production is bumping along at just under 2,000. But Mr Pischetsrieder bas big plans to triple production at Crewe, double the workforce and stretch the Bentley brand to include a Sports car.

He already has a rather dashing pro-to type to work on. The Java, which Vickers unveiled at Geneva five years ago but then ran nnt of mnney to develop, was based on a BMW5 platform and is just waiting to be taken from the drawing

There's the rub. Vickers just didn't have the cash to keep refuelling Rolls and in the absence of a credible British bid, there was a horrible inevitability about the business passing into foreign hands

The pautomime burse called the Rolls-Royce Acquisition Consortium may make life uncomfortable for Sir Colin Chandler at the egm. But unless they have taken leave of their senses, Vickers sharebolders will not turn down an offer that values Rolls at thirty times earnings and gives it as secure a future as it is every going to have.

Bacardi pays a rum old price

THE astronomic price fetched by Dewar's and Bombay Gin is another striking example of the power of brands. . The directors of Diageo could scarcely have dreamed they would get £1.15bn for the the two brands when they were forced to action them nff to get the Grand Guinness merger past the competition authorities. But in stepped Bacardi, desperate to become a force to be reckoned with in the spirits market and keen not to miss out on a buying opportunity unlikely to be repeated for some time.

Diageo probably cannot believe its luck. The group played a successful game of poker with the competition authorities, offering first to sell minor brands but knowing all the time it was willing to sacrifice Dewar's. The Federal Trade Commission and the EC took the bait and left Diageo with the brands it really wanted. Dewar's may be the leading whisky in the US, but its sales have been

ket. Diageo has been allowed to keep international best sellers Johnnie Walker and J&B. And the loss of Bombay Sapphire will not be too hard to bear as Diageo has held on to the much bigger gin brands Gordon's and Gilbey's. No wonder Diageo's shareholders remain in party mood.

The rise and fall of King Des

SO FAREWELL then Sir Desmond Pitcher on this your last day in charge at United Utilities. Progress With Responsibility. that was your catchphrase. Bad luck for you the shareholders decided they would get more progress if someone else was made responsible.

Once you were King Des of the North West, the man who mixed water with electricity and lived to tell the tale. You invented the multi-utility and spawned a host

of imitators with silly names like Hyder. For a time all was well and the good citizens of Manchester were grateful indeed for their water rebate. But then the

falling over the last few years in a tough mar- on share price can underperform the index for two years without questions being asked. And lo, the Court of King Des was split asunder. A man called Staples came from the east (Parmac Construction, actually) and wondered aloud whether a Footsie stock should be run like one man's personal fiefdom. You did for him before he could dethrone you. But the damage was done and the Army of Good Corporate Governance scented blood. Your successor comes from a land to the west, Sellafield, where the water is warm all year round, at least in the sea. Sir Christopher Harding unt have your vision. But then he is only there as non-exec chairman having plenty of other jobs to keep him busy.

You, however, do not. This is also your last day as chairman of the Merseyside Development Corporation, which is being elosed down to make way for New Lubour's regional development agencies. That just leaves the job as deputy chairman of Everton and even they look like candidates for the drop this season.

But never fear, your legacy lives on. Some day we will all live in the kingdom of King Des. One supplier, one utility bill, one reg-ulator. In the meantime, enjoy the golf. muttering began. No man is an island and

HSBC flies to Canary

By Lea Paterson

HSBC Holdings, the banking giant which owns Midland Bank, is to move from the City to Canary Wharf at cost of £500m.

The bank is to build a 41storey beadquarters which will house 8,000 employees.

Staff at 10 HSBC buildings in the City are scheduled to move to Canary Wharf. This includes employees at HSBC's headquarters in Lower Thames Street and at Midland Bank's headquarters oear Bank, as well as investment banking, treasury, insurance and asset management staff.

John Bond, group chief executive, said: "It has become increasingly evident to us that having our businesses and sup-port departments located in differeot premises is far from satisfactory. We have decided our London-based operations spurned Canary Wharf.

- other than our branches -could be housed together."

Staff reaction was mixed, according to one source. Many were yesterday unaware of the decision to move.

The bank will acquire both the building and the naming rights from Canary Wharf under a 999-year lease. The building will link directly to Londoo Underground's Jubilee Line

The bank said it had considered many locations, "The agreement we have reached with Canary Wharf meets all our criteria," Mr Bond said.

The City and Canary Wharf have been engaged in a longrunning battle to house London's banking community. Banks that have chosen Canary Wharf developed in the 1980s include Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Credit Suisse First Boston and Barclays Capital. that it would be in the best in- Others, such as Merrill Lynch terests of the group if most of and Deutsche Bank, have

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UBS 'was warned over controls'

UBS yesterday declined to comment on a report that Mathis Cabiallavetta, the Swiss bank's chief executive, was warned of inadequate controls on derivative trading in London five years ago. According to the SonntagsZeitung newspaper, Hans-Peter Bauer, formerly head of derivatives at the bank, voiced concerns to UBS top management in 1993. Earlier this year, the bank admitted losing almost £200m on equity derivative and proprietary equity trading in 1997.

Industrial claims up

INDIVIDUAL claims to industrial tribunals have reached a record high, according to the conciliation service Acas. Complaints have increased for the 10th year in succession. Acas received nearly 107,000 claims on industrial rights issues, two out of five involving unfair dismissal - 6.5 per cent up on 1996.

MFI chief moves

MFI, the troubled furniture retailer, has replaced the head of its retail business in an attempt to improve performance. John O'Connell is giving up his responsibilities as retail director to take control of the merchandising operations. He will remain in the main board. Matthew Ingle, head of MFT's Howden Joinery division, has been promoted to retail director but will not be on the main board.

	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
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lekragesta (F)	152.8m (180.4m)	191.4zs (44.6m)	107.0¢ (19.3p)	7.0p (6.5p)
Malety Stining (F)	3.75m (3.34m)	0.368m (0.161m)	2.16p (1.85p)	(q18.0) q2. 0
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Rem Stewart (I)	26.68m (32.84m)	-2.4m (1.8m)	-2.86p (2.03p)	all (1.7p)
Creston Land& Estates (I	12.88m (2.39m)	0.404m (0.169m)	0.43p (0.19p)	zd (-)
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Makie Heel (F)	9.80m (9.25m)	0.382m (0.641m)	2.78p (3.81p)	1.6p (1.6p)
Dectors (F)	81.54m (72.41m)	5.849m (4.847m)	24.1p (22.4p)	8.5p (7.7p)
Friendly Hotels (F)	60.83m (45.15m)	7.84m (4.47m)	25.5p (10.7p)	5.9p (5.7p)
Stakes (F)	48.78m (43.71m)	3.86m (1.21m) ·	51.6p (16.4p)	8.5p (4.8p)
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andon & Manchester (F		44.9m (51.1m)	24.3p (37.9p)	24,64p (-)
Valden Group (F)	63.21m (55.10m)	10.1m (6.85m)	17.7p ((2.0p)	6.0p (-)
Ranchester United (I)	51.8m (50.1m)	14.9m (19.5m)	4.6p (4.8p)	0.52p (0.475
Ober Ashworth (F)	82.88m (78.58m)	3.72m (2.9m)	13.9p (11.26p)	5.D p (-)
Portion Foods (1)	2.65m (1.18m)	-0.052m (0.08m)		
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trex titre (F)	549.1m (500.2m)	20.01m (17.72m)		
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Next bounces back as directors buy up shares

MARKET REPORT



PETER THAL LARSEN

STOCK markets are far from when three directors dug perfect. In the shart term, into their pockets and bought continued its recent rise nn German company, they have a tendency to over- some. And we're not talking speculatinn that the defence react. And wheo a company small amounts. David Jones, electronics group is about to and chief executive of JBA, further than it really should

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ennugh to hack up their the strong pound. The Footof the directors of Next, how- and small-cap indices also

Annther riser was ket value reduced by a quar- National Power, reportedly ter when it issued a shock attracting interest from US drifted 0.5p to 123p. profit warning last week. In power groups after its recent less than a month, the shares profit warning. The generat- Hepworth, reporting results

shares promptly rallied 15p ing set of full-year results. Last night, analysts were The rise was one of the slashing back profit firemore than they deserve.) few blue spots in the FTSE casts on worries about Blue Unfortunately, directors on 100, which generally drifted Circle's exposure to ecothe receiving eod of a share on weak markets in the Far nomic turmoil in Malaysia price plunge are rarely brave East and the US as well as and increasing price compethe strong pound. The Foot-sie ended the day down 27.4 tition in Chile. The shares fell 25.75p to 366.75p. The gloom The same cannot be said points at 5911.9 and the mid- also bogged down rival cement groups RMC and Rngy. both of which report results later this week. RMC was 28p

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A £212m acquisition in Shares in Xaar. controlthe US helped TI, the engiliog a revolutionary new neer, to 523p, up 10p.

printing technology, jumped 23.5p tn 139.5p. The shares, British Bintech slumped in a new two-year lnw nf floated at 110p last antumn, 67.75p, down 4p, as investors continued to worry about on worries that venture capthe outcome of clinical trials ital group 3i wanted to sell and the composition of the - stock. Now that 3i has reTAKING STOCK

INSURANCE broker Bradstock Group leapt 5p to 63.5p. The rise continues last week's jump, when heavy trading lifted the shares from their two-year low of 54p. Despite the company's protestations of ignorance, various investors remain convinced that a bid, pitched at about 80p a share, is in the offing. Hong Leong, a Malaysian group which is Bradstock's juint venture partner and has a 4.7 per cent stake, is touted as a possible buyer.

WILLIAM FITCH, chairman of nursing home minnow Tamaris, has shelled not £6m for a 20 per cent stake in the company at 3p a share - a 0.75p premium to the market price, which was unchanged at 2.25p yesterday. The shares were bought from Singapore group Roseview, which had been planning a joint venture with Tamaris but decided to abandon the project after

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HAMISH MCRAE ON EU CALLS FOR A NEW ROUND OF **GLOBAL TALKS**

ENCOURAGING greater freedom in international trade is like rising a bicycle: you have to keep moving forward or you start to wobble. Thus a small, little-7 onticed item of news yesterday - that European trade ministers have agreed that the European Union (EU) will call for a new round of global trade talks at the next World Trade Organisation (WTO) meeting in May -- deserves a particular welcome.

Since the end of the Second World War the gradual liberalisation of trade has been the great engine of growth in the world econmy, with crossborder trade rising at about four times the rate of growth of the world economy as a whole. As a result, world trade is now a higher proportino of world nutput than at any previous stage of our history: higher try and get their social services even than it was at the end of from them: it would certainly

the last century. talks under the umbrella of the see that happening. WTO's predecessor, the Gen-Trade. The most recent of these, the Uruguay Round, extended being principally in goods to: really want to be treated by a that sense it has had only liminake a judgement. It is hard trade in services.

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This was enormously important for two main reasons. First, the production of goods has become a smaller and smaller proportion of the total output of developed countries, as their output shifts to services.

Typically, production of goods are now only 20-25 per cent of the total, in some countries even less. So liberalising physical trade, however desirable, acts on a smaller and smaller portion of the economy. The engine of wealth creation cootinues, hot it acts oo a smaller and smaller base.

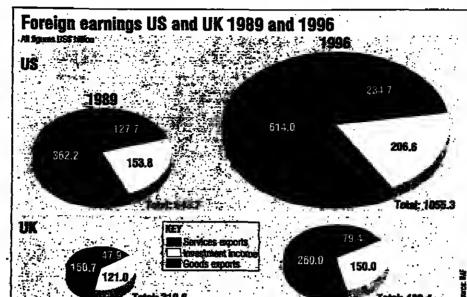
Second, growth in trade in services has recently been relatively disappointing. In the 1980s it was tending to grow faster than growth in goods, but that momentum - despite the Uruguay Round - seems to have tailed off.

The graphs show what has been happening to the export earnings of the US and UK since the end of the last decade (we don't yet have full 1997 figures, so I am showing 1996). In both countries the total invisible earnings - that is earnings from exports of services and foreign investment income - has fallen since 1989. Back then, UK earnings from invisibles were actually larger than from physical exports; now they are smaller.

In noe sense you could say that this is a considerable tribute to the physical exporters in both the US and the UK, and that is true enough. It is also true that some services will oever be internationally traded: government services for example.

It would be very nice were citizens of one country free to pay their taxes to another counput a bomh under the backside This momentum has been of sloppy governments if people sustained by successive GATT could take their business elserounds, the trade liberalisation where. But somehow I cannot

And there are cultural bareral Agreement on Tariffs and riers to trade in services which do not exist in trade in goods: people here are happy to buy a the liberalisation of trade from Japanese car, but would we



the EU, where trade in goods is now pretty well free from barriers, there are great burdles facing traders in services.

Nevertheless, while service industries will not, in the foreseeable, future become as international as manufacturers, there are powerful reasons to want to encourage the growth of international trade in services.

If a country has a comparative advantage in producing goods the world can benefit; why should the world out benefit if it has a similar advantage in producing services? And at some stage there will be on more significant gains to be made by greater internationalisation of physical trade, and then the only way of getting the benefits from trade will be to boost trade in services.

The is where the successor to the Uruguay Round comes in. It would be unfair to brand that last round a failure, because it did start the process of services liberalisation. But the fact remains that the last decade has been characterised by rapid growth in "conventional" trade. particularly in growth of exports by East Asian countries, rather

So what is to be done? There domestic bank offers the best are at least three big barriers to savings account or credit card growth of trade in services: deal, so what hope have we in regulation, information and

A new trade round ought to the first. Much regulation is well-meaning, and it could certainly be argued that consumers should expect a higher level of regulation with services than they should expect with products.

It is more damaging to buyers if the company providing their pensions goes bust than if the cars they have bought keep breaking down. But regulation is often covert protection for local producers, and this is something that the next trade round needs to tackle more vigorously.

Information, I think, will tend to take care of itself. It has been a great barrier, and a greater barrier than in trade in goods, because of the complexity of the service world. When buying goods, it is relatively easy to find out which products are swans and which are turkeys.

With services it is vastly than growth in service trade. In more difficult for buyers to enough to work out which service sector.

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However, the growth of the be able to do something about internet and related technologies is already providing better access and as these develop I think it will be easier for people to inform themselves aboot the quality of the service products an affer.

> For some such products, software and entertainment, the internet will provide a distribution channel as well as a source of information.

> Finally, culture. It is probably mevitable that some cultural barriers will remain. But these will tend to diminish with better information and greater familiarity with foreign cultures. Besides, producers will become better at adjusting their output to suit local culture, a trick which global advertising agency groups are beginning to learn.

But this process needs support. A new trade round is not an end in itself, but it is an essential underpinning to the next stage of the world's economic progress, a truly free market in as much as possible of the 70 per cent plus of world output in the

PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

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NICOLA HORLICK and Keith Percy are together again. Societe Generale Asset Management, where the dynamic mother of five is co-head of the UK unit, has hired Mr Percy as a consultant on the development of its global asset management business.

Ms Horlick adored Mr Percy when he was her boss at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, before he and then she were booted out by the forces of darkness.

Mr Percy resigned from Morgan Grenfell in October 1986 amid an investigation of the bank by regulators over the inadequate supervision of fund manager Peter Young. Mr Young broke investment rules by buying a raft of unlisted Scandinavian securities for his

Ms Horlick gave full rein to her admiration for her enstwhile boss in her autobiography, published this year, Can you have it all? In the book, which covered her spectacular departure from Morgan Grenfell, she wrote: "At first I thought it was inconceivable that Keith's job would be at risk, but as time went on, I began to get vibes that it might be.

"I was horrified at the prospect of bim being removed. He was a very meticulous man and totally honourable."

Now they're reunited, perhaps SocGeo should coin a new singan for its fund management advertising: "One big happy family."

A FREELANCE spin doctor and old pal of mine, Tom Cornwall, has just declared himself as a Liberal Democrat candidate in the local council elections oext mnoth for Lambeth in south Loodon.

His candidacy was drawn to my attention by his free-sheet, "Focus", a copy of which was thrust under the front door of a colleague who lives down there.

Mr Comwall, whom I last encountered doing work for accountants KPMG, manages to appear in nn less than four of the five photographs featured on the one-page news-sheet. Still, if you're writing and publishing it your-

Some of the photo captions could do with

a little polishing, I thought: "Iom Cornwall inspecting wheelie bins in Robson Road" isn't exacily calculated to get the electoral pulses racing.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Scholield, who is retiring as managing director of retail banking at Royal Bank of Scotland after over

40 years with the same institution. Following Mr Schofield's departure, RBS is reducing its three UK operating divisions to one, and putting lain Robertson, its current head of curporate and institutional banking, in charge of them. Together with the heads of Direct Line and RBS's US operations, Mr Robertson will report to George Mathewson, RBS's laugh-a-minute chief executive.

Mr Schofield is one of a large number of expatriate Mancunians at RBS. He joined Williams Deacon's Bank in 1957 in Manchester, which later merged with Glyn Mills in 1969 to form Williams & Glyn's Bank. Both had been owned by RBS since 1930, but were only merged with RBS's corporate identity in

Not that Mr Schofield has to worry about whether he's a United or City supporter. He has been a lifelong follower of Bury, and will have more time to devote in them now he is marching back south from Edinburgh.

ACCORDING to the March issue of Nasdaq magazine, Dr Craig Barrett doesn't expect his boss "Andy Grove to disappear any time soon" as chief executive officer of Intel, the world's most profitable silicon chip-maker,

Dr Barrett is of course Intel's chief operating officer. Until last week, that is, when he was appointed to succeed the seemingly immortal Andy Grove as CEO.

I suppose it would be churlish to worry at Dr Barrett's lack of firesight concerning his own company. Anyway, the same article mentions Moore's Law, coined by Intel's cofnunder Gordon Moore in the 1960s. This stated that the number of transistors able to be combined in integrated circuits doubles every 24 mooths or so.

This is true to this day and explains plummeting PC prices. The Nasdaq magazine notes that a Harvard University professor recently applied Moore's Law to the aircraft and car industries. The Prof reckoned that if they had developed at the same rate as semi-conductors over the past 30 years, a Boeing 767 would cost \$500 and circle the globe in 20 minutes oo five galinns of petrol; and a Rolls-Royce would cost \$2.75 and get three million miles

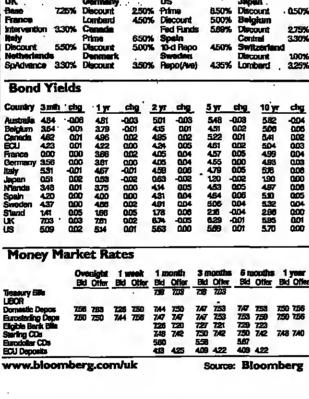
Now that's a target for BMW to work on.

UBS SECURITIES employees have taken to the internet to whinge about the investment bank's Inp-sided "merger" with its rival SBC Warburg Dillon Read.

"UBSsucks.com" vents the frustration of employees in Union Bank of Switzerland's securities unit. A sample joke: "What does UBS stand for? Unemployed Before Summer."

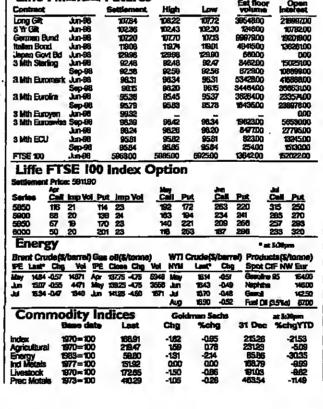
SBC had no comment to make yesterday. You can sample the website's delights yourself at http://members.aol.com/ubssucks.





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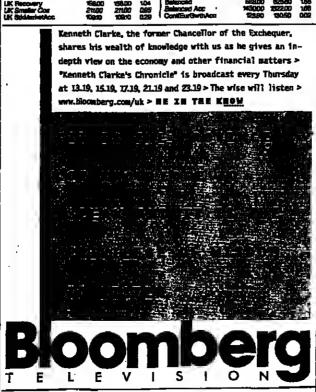
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takes place under the sign of Aries, the ram with his curling horns. Today, however, a mnre familiar symbol reigns in the baseball's heavens as the 1998 season begins, in America's agenki sporting rite of spring. It is shaped like the letter "S", but bisected by two vertical lines.

The five months since that unforgettable late October night when the Florida Marlins woo the World Series in that seventhgame, twelfth-innings climax sports arena built in the United against the Cleveland Indians States. It is a triumph of airhave provided their human sto- conditioning over nature, comries - ranging from the star plete with a 517ft retractable Cuban players who set to sea in a rickety 19ft boat to escape 115F Arizona warm spells, and Fidel Castro to the bizarre sack- a swimming pool directly above ing of Davey Johnson, the man-the right centre-field fence, ager who compiled 1997's best regular season record, by the in Tampa Bay, home of the Sting cupricious Baltimore Orioles. Rays, has a job to match this. But in this close season, the real Still it is the first American ballnews has been money, money park to have a cigar bar, and cer-

and more money. A fortnight ago. Rupert Murdoch paid \$311m (£185m). mile an hour winds. Now, not more than any man has paid for even a Category Four hurricane a baseball franchise, to complete century journey from Brooklyn's backyard team to arm of a multinational media conglomerate. Then there are the two expansion teams, the Arizona Diamondhacks and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

TECHNICALLY. Opening Day Major League baseball starts in style today. Rupert Cornwell on a new comfort zone

> Their onfield prowess is yet inable \$70m (£42m) mark for unknown, but not their ambitions. The Diamondbacks open at \$74m. The smallest, as usutonight against the Colorado Rockies, and the baseball will have to be sensational to match the setting of the brand-new poor get poorer. Bank One Ballpark on the edge Come October, six months of downtown Phoenix, At \$355m (£197m), it is the most expensive

Inevitably, Tropicana Field tainly the first with a fixed ronf odds nn to go all the way. capable of withstanding 135

need now disturb the stately the Los Angeles Dodgers' 20th rhythms of the summer pastime. The players, too, are setting financial records. So much for the Marlins in just their third the revenue sharing that was season. That he sold it off imsupposed to reduce the disparities between rich and poor lins' financial bottom line was better pitcher, was one of those teams. Four teams have as grim as their exploits on the who took the small boat route he proved there was life in the

plastic roof to ward off those

total payrolls, led by the Orioles al, belongs to the Montreal Expos, at \$16m. In baseball as in life, the rich get richer and the

and 162 regular season games nn, we will know whether the frantic hidding for star players has been worth it. But don't rule out that, in this age of instant sporting gratification, either the Sting Rays and Diamondbacks make the play-offs. It would be a feat since, measured by their payrolls of \$40m and \$44m, they lag far behind the Orioles, the Atlanta Braves, the Yankees, the Boston Red Sux, the Indians and the Dodgers, one of whom must be

But no longer need expansion franchises struggle for years as cannon fodder for the élite. Blockhuster Video's Wayne Huizenga purchased a team to win the 1997 Series for mediately afterwards (the Marhreached the hitherto unimag- field were glittering) only across the Florida Straits in old arm yet. Martinez has been a World Series ring.



Glove at first sight: Edgardo Alfonso, of the New York Mets, is tagged by Baltimore Orioles' Chris Hoiles in the teams' final game of spring training

ball's boardrooms never had much in common.

On the field, though, the sport still tugs the heartstrings. Remember Livan Hernandez the Cuban defector who pitched Florida to glory last year? His elder hrother Orlando (aka "El Duque"), in his prime an even

roves that romance and base- 1997, and now wears the Yan- rewarded with a spot in the kee pinstripes.

(aka "El Presidente") the veteran Nicaraguan who has adorned the majors since 1976. the most successful Latin At 42, he seemed to have American pitcher in history. reached the end of the line And, in a sport which can withwhen he was jettisoned by Seat- stand hurricanes and deserttle last year. But, but during tri-furnaces with equal aplomb, als with the Braves this spring,

Brave's starting rotation, for the Or take Dennis Martinez past decade the best in baseball, and an opportunity to secure the three wins that would make him nothing is impossible. "El Pres-

would be a big asset to the boar's mast broke, expect to step ashore tomorrow after 57 days

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Tyre threat to McLaren dominance

Motor racing

By David Tremayne

IN THE wake nf yet another belittling demonstration of McLaren-Mercedes' current weekend brought in its wake just one pressing question. What do McLaren's rivals have to do to stand any chance of getting on before it is too late?

much store on McLaren's "fiddle brake" system, but the cars raced without it on Sunday and were as crushingly superior as they had been Down Under.

For Patrick Head, technical director at Williams, by far the pretty close together. most significant part of the performance equation is the tyres. McLaren's Bridgestones have a clear edge over the Goodyears used by their principal rivals, Williams and Ferrari. "We designed our car to be easy on the tyres," Head said. "Aerodynamics are part and parcel of that, producing aerodynamic behaviour that is very stable and doesn't fluctuate a lot depending on the attitude of the looking at well over 50 per cent car, so that you don't have to of the performance equation run very stiff suspension and thus risk damaging the tyres.

"To some extent we possibly sacrificed some peak aerodynamic performance in order to achieve good stability, and one of the things we are looking at now is whether we would be better off to have the aerodynamics a little bit more peaky and less kind to the tyres.

"The whole car is an interactive entity between suspension dynamics and aerodynamics. as well as the tyres, so if you get a tyre that behaves very differently you often have to set the car up very differently."

about an aerodynamic advantage are hoping Bell is right.

on the McLaren, but Head disagrees. "I have to say that I haven't really seen all our rivals' cars close to, but at the mnment it is a combination of factors working together on the Mo-Laren that is producing the redomination of Formula One, sult," he said. "I suppose the the Brazilian Grand Prix at the McLaren looks in be the best, but the Ferrari is a neat little car and I don't think there is too much wrong with that nr our car."

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Both Williams and Ferrari terms with the Silver Arrows are pinning their hopes on a new tyre from Goodyear. They test-In Melbourne rivals placed ed the prototype prior to Brazil and are looking forward to its introduction in Argentina in two weeks' time. "Tyre performance is absolutely fundamental," Head said. "The aerodynamics of most of the leading cars are

"If somebody asked me if the aerodynamics of the McLaren are better than the aerodynamics of the Williams, I'd say that if we were to put their car and their model in our wind tunnel, against our car, it would not surprise me to find that our aerodynamics are at least equal or slightly better. Separating aerodynamics and chassis dynamics is very difficult to do, but you are coming from the tyres."

Meanwhile, Ferrari's Eddie Irvine, eighth on Sunday, said: "Michael [Schumacher] is convinced that our car is not far off the McLarens, and I agree. But we need more grip."

As far as Williams and Ferrari are concerned, then, the ball is firmly in Goodyear's court. Perry Bell, Goodyear's operations manager, said: "Our new tyre marks a significant development step for us, which we believe will result in further improved overall performance."

For the sake of the World Championship battle, it is not Much has been muttered just the Goodyear teams who

Kostecki pips Standbridge in the battle of the sluggers

Sailing

By Stuart Alexander in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

THEY slugged it out for the last 1,200 miles to the finish, never more than five miles apart. most of the time less than three, infected crossing the Equator, and nolv 1,000 yards, two min- was all too aware of the value utes and 53 seconds separated of those extra yards, which

World Race, it was John Kostecki in Chessie Racing who had the edge over Paul Standbridge in Toshiba,

Kostecki, both legs handaged after five days out of commission with a rash that became for sixth place in the sixth leg behind the leader, EF Lan-harder because it was for sixth

Merit Cup.

ish second or third overall, was slowed by repeated spinnaker damage when the rest of the top places to make up for Toshifleet was sailing fast. He also had to stop to allow crewman Antonin Piris to dive over the nf the engine. side and clear a length of rope from the rudder and propeller.

earned 11 extra points and kept At the wire here in the race Chessie in fourth place overall

"It has been a full on match race which, perhaps, was even

Kostecki, who could still fin- second in a match race is dis-

appointed," said Standbridge. who had hoped to finish in the ba's disqualification from the last leg for failing to report use Standbridge, who still hopes

to win at least one leg of the three remaining legs, has yet to decide who will be the 12th man

of the Whitbread Round the guage, Swedish Match and and seventh instead of first and timore. "Dennis Conner [the to Moutt. Edwards and her second. Anyone who comes syndicate head] is always wel- crew, whose non-stop round the come to join the boat and world attempt ended when the crew," he said.

> The last two boats, Brunel Sunergy and the all-woman crewed EF Education, were expected to reach Fort Lauderdale overnight.

A tug has been sent to tow Tracy Edwards' crippled catamaran, Royal and Sun Alliance, for leg seveo from here to Bal- into the Chilean port of Puer-

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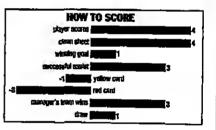
Today we publish the results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The league table includes all scores up to 8 March. The player list includes scores from all games played until 22 March. Neither set of scores includes results from the FA Cup. The overall winner at the end of the season will win a pair of tickets to the World Cup finals in France this summer.

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal. i.e.; if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 ed 3 points if their real-life team wins, 1 point is awarded bonus point awarded in addition to standard goal related points. if they draw and no points are given if they lose. Each successful Assist, a pass judged by our experts to lead directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the fol-our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and lowing Sunday in the Independent on Sunday. starting a game will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

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Updated player scores and league tables will be published



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Punters attracted by Rough odds

THE BEST that can be said al qualification for Aintree. At for Saturday's Grand National that the horse in question, is that there are a lot of them. Rough Quest, the winner two With 50 left in at the five-day years ago, can jump round the stage the race could have the Aintree circuit. maximum-allowed field of 40 of Party Politics, 1992.

run in the Cheltenham Gold Cup on their last outing, there

Even the favourite was a fall-ning their hopes on the soft- the 10-1 now on offer, while Similarly undecided is Gorer last time out - not the ide- ground performers."

The weather too is in his for the first time since the year favour with more showers forecast for the Liverpool area to But as for quality, despite the keep the ground - currently

"Rough Quest has been by is a marked absence of horses far the best backed horse in the in form. Of the 50, a total of 12 National in the last two days," have the letter P denoting their Simon Clare, of Coral, said. "In most recent performance - and geoeral, the betting public are work this morning, is more in his work over the weekeod it is not for showing promise. trusting the forecasts and pin-likely to start at 6-1 or 7-1 than and I wanted him checked out."

With all the major book-

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP:]] Baboo (Newcastle 2.10) NB: Stephensons Rocket (Nottingham 4.10)

- on the easy side for the race. about some of the leading conshorter odds come Saturday.

Certainly Rough Quest, who

Him Of Praise, 7lb out of the don Richards about Addington handicap but the wincer of Boy - "I doo't know whether about yesterday's declarations least in this case there is proof makers now betting "non run-four of his six races this season he'll run. I need to do a blood ner - no bet" this is probably and placed oo his last two test" - and Susan Nock about starts, is certainly the horse Senor El Betrutti - "My hus-

Time For A Run is the most appealing of the Irish trio, but his participation remains in top five in the handicap having good to soft, but soft in places the best time to take a price doubt. "I will know tomorrow," Edward O'Grady, his trainer, testants that are sure to be at said yesterday "I will bave to speak to the owner, J P Mc-Manus. The yet was here today does his last piece of serious because the horse was a bit flat

with the most inspiring form fig- band kept him in because the ures and could be half his cur- 'experts' think the race is going reot price of 14-1 oo Saturday. to cut up even more". The 25 cut out yesterday included the injured Cyborgo, Bells Life and Young Hustler and the retired Couldn't Be Better and Fantus. The BHB's initiative to stimulate betting on micweek races, Showense races, gets back on track today with the main firms quoting prices on the Newcastle 3.25 after ignoring the previous

day's selected race at Hamilton.

First show Newcastle - 3.25 72 72 72 72 Sam Of Caulion 1342 64 64 54 Mungo Park 6-1 7-1 6-1 6-1 Westcourt Magic 61 61 61 61 Sully Green 10-1 9-1 10-1 11-1 Topase Roch 94 11-1 10-1 11-1 Gedge 124 9-1 11-1 11-1 91 21 101 161

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Each way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3

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Newcastle

2.20 Calico Lady 2.50 Kris Green (nb) 3.25 Westcourt Magic

4.00 Apache Raider 4.30 Khalik 5.05 Dally Boy

GOING: Flat - Good to Soft, Jumps - Good.

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STALLS: Stands side.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, oval course; tough, galloping track.

Course is on A1, five miles north of town. ADMISSION: Cub £14 (£12 for OAPs and registered deabled); Tattersalls £9 (£7 for OAPs and registered deabled); CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINESS: M Johnston 24 winners from 143 races (success rate 18,9%), J Berry 17-534 (£27%), Mirs J Remeden 14-734 (10.4%), M Bell 9-36 (£57%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 25 winners from 169 races (success rate 13,2%), J Wester 23-727 (£11%), J Corroll 17-147 (16.5%), J Fortune 14-26 (10.5%).

PRAYOURITES: £5 wins from 431 races (36,0%).

BLINKERED PRIST TIME: Khaliff (43,0%), Principled (43,0%), J J Belboo (veored, 25,0%).

LONG-DISTANCE RUINNIER: Spandtheproc-ede's (2,20) has been sent 329 miles by W G M Turner fromm Corton Denham in Somerset.

2.20 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,500 added 2YO 5f GLASTONBURY (P D Savil) M Channon 8 0

HAYSTACKS (& Mrs A G Milligen) D Moffatt 9 9

SPEEDY JAMES (Lucayen Skot) J Berry 8 0

ASHOVER AMBER (Trincity Coy 7 D Barron 8 9

CALCO LADY (S) (Drakemyer Racing) W Kemp 8 8

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7 declared 8ETTINC: 2-1 Glastonbury, 9-4 Spendy James, 5-1 Calleo Ledy, 13-2 Spendtheproc-Ede's, 7-1 Ashover
13-2 Amber, 13-1 Haystacks, 16-1 As-Youknownownshing.
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FORM GUIDE
Calleo Lady was soith to Charlene Lady in the Brockleeby Stakes at Doncaster lest Thursday (As-Youknownothing, 19th). Miquition won this race a year ago after finishing seventh in the same Doncaster race. Still, Cellco Lady might be pushed to emaste Miquelon with GLASTONIBURTY and Spendy James in the line-up, Glastonibury's trainer, Mick Charlen, had the Brockleebury favourite, Franco Mins, and won last Friday's Doncaster self-er with Impa Lake, Jack Berry provided the runner-up in both events and his Kastaway won the two-year-old race at Lingfield yesterday. Glastonibury and Speedy James are both February hads, as is Spendtheproc-Ede's, a daughter of Dium from a year that whe with its share of newcomers, David Barron could seally have Aethover Amber ready, while Haystacks is from the yard that had the third, Bayard Lady, at Hamilton yesterday.

2	2.50	DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £2,369
1	22510	JOE BUZZ (17) (D) (Joe Buzzeo) F Murphy 8 11 7
2	16	PALADUS (115) (D) (M Glesson) G M Moore 8 tl 7
3	304	FAIRI FARM LAD (24) (Harold Copley) J M Jafferson 8 11 9
4	3-65	GALESHAN (10) (J Holes) G Richards 6 11 0
5	3P330	GENERAL ASSEMBLY (14) (The Craftsmen) G Margareon 8 to 0
8		J.J. BABOO (10) (Rotand Roper) M Hammond 5 11 0
7	0000	LUCKY MOVE (10) (J. R. Wilson) S. Kettlewell 5 tl 0
8		RISING MILL (379) (Mae Afrona Brewis) Mes R Brews 7 11 9
9		SCOTMAN, BOY (21) (G Brown/B Western) J H Johnson 5 tl 9
10	6035	SETTING SUN (10) (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5 11 0
11	62-340	TIME WARFIOR (31) (Mrs Susen Moore) G M Moore 7 TI 0
12	66540	WHAT A TALE (86) (BF) (Jerom Purinership) Mrs M Reveley 8 11 0
10	41	KRIS GREEN (38) (CD) (P M Cain) L Lungo 4 to 2
74	O/FEE	PIEREX (17) (J W Wellon) J Charlton 7 10 9

BETTING: 4-1 Sesting Sun, 9-2 J J Baboo, 5-1 Kin Green, 5-1 Jon Buzz, 7-1 General Assembly, 8-1 Galeshun, What A Tale, 12-1 Time Warrior, 20-1 Fair Farm Lad, Pelectus, 25-1 others 1997; na corresponding race

FORM GUICE

SETTING SUN ran his best race over hurdles here 10 days ago, finishing second to Wynyard Kright and besting J J Baboo (third) Gallestean (filtra). Setting Sun was tried at just
short of two miles in France when he was a three-year-old, so he might improve again
now there's more emphasis on stamine. J J Baboo is exposed but his previous attempts

are the miles the cities when he feed belief was at his interesting and the best Kolen transfer.

longer journey. Hels also viscred for the first time today. Galeshan a going the right way so hats not out of it, while Joe Buzz and Kris Green should make their presence felt. Joe Buzz faced a rough task in the Sandown novice handicap won by Montros but worn hostly county first time over hundles at Market Rasen that Green firstend a distant four behind from Sik on his hundles debut at Market Rasen but went on to best a big field, in-

3.25 49'S SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 5f Penalty Value £7,100

I Sally Green, 11-1 Amon, Trissers Tooch, 14-1 Jesselle, Lege Dil Verenc, Swine, 15-1 Jest Bob, 25-1 Jecterin; Serv. Amon 10-8 7 N Cariste 10-1 (J Serry) dreen (9) of can 19-8 N Serv. Amon 10-8 7 N Cariste 10-1 (J Serry) dreen (9) of can 19-8 N Serv. Amon 10-8 7 N Cariste 10-1 (J Serry) dreen (9) of can 19-8 N Serv. Amon won less year's race by three and a half lengths, but he didn't have to consend with horses that had been in action at Doncaster, driving fourth to Proud Native, but he ran well, nevertheless, and meets the Doncaster, driving fourth to Proud Native, but he ran well, nevertheless, and meets the Doncaster ship, State Of Cariton on 31 better terms. State Of Caution has yet to win at this trip but can certainly be given a chance of clong as after last veself's effort. Geolge, who finished seventh in the same context, is another yet to win at the end of Caution and Gadge, WESTCOURT MASIC is over his ideal distincts after fireishing fifth of 22 bettind Alveys Algris at Doncaster (6). The esting give in the ground here will help and Mok Essterby won this two years and hourge Pirit developed into a decent sprinter by the end of last season. Lago DI Vereino heart won first time back since his two-years drill can first time back since his two-years and from a yeard among the winners at Doncaster. Treesure Touch with prefer an actor furform, but it was over this trip that he best Serino a head at Thrink in May. Swino is 13th better off now.

Selection: WESTCOURT MASIC

ty.	4	.00	SUNDERLAND SHEET SALES HANDICAP CHASE E) £4,000 added 3m Penalty Value £2,918	E (CLASS
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ng	9	124418	MAYBE O'GRADY (25) (CD) (SF) (Mrs Am Bell) W Curringtom 8 to 8	N Suph
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Off the course lest season, CALLERNOY trateased his rider on his respectance at Kelso in December but has done nothing wrong ence then, easily winning a Catterick novice
hundrap after good seconds to better-class horses auch as Chipped Out, Peperising
and Swerbisser, Apecha Reider was a remote third at Catterick but the better ground
outd help him remote the gep hars, especially as he has a 10th pull and Paul Carberry
on board. On his previous visit to Catterick, Apacha Reider finished second to Lord Forture, who won at Newbury on Saturday. Nodes Sorend hearth been out almos he beet
lawytes O'Grady seven lengths in a Doncastar novice handicas won by The Tolesech
two months ago, but he's a fresh horse from a yerd having a good season and we may
not have seen the beat of him over fence yet. Maybe O'Grady meets Noosa Sound The
seorae compared with Doncaster but has not two good races here in the meenthms, eve-

other novice to consider is Perstanda Flyer, who looked good in compling a het-trick but out for the first time since poor jumping contributed to him getting behind and being pulled up in Celestial Chor's race here on 17 Jenusry. At the same meeting, Gama Lad unseeted in the Eder Chese won by Linder's Lotto and he was pulled up in his previous race, at Humingdon on Bosing Day. It remains to be seen if he can produce his good form of last summer, which would give him a chance.

Selection: CALLETNOY

4	.30	HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 7f Penelty Value £3,550
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3	2-2	BGO MGHT (R) (BP) (Luciero Grund) M Bal 3 8 11
ă	0-	GROBER MORPES (194) Date M Regent) C Booth 3 8 11
6	3020	HAPPY DATS (168) (J W Berrett) D Mortest 8 8 11 Deurse Modest (3) 18
ě	0440-	HOWES CHOICE (175) (Parelt Howe) M British 8 8 11 G Carter 11
7	26-	KING OF THE RIVER (USA) (177) (P Said) P Chappin Hyam 38 11
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8	5-265	MONDRAGON (125) (D) (D Young) Miss M Reveloy 8 9 7	
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9		DULAS BAY (J12) (Barly Morning Breakfest Synd) M W Easterby 480	
10		CLUR MAIN MAIN (14) (R M Withher) R Whiteler 87 12	
Ħ		DALLY BOY (114) (TH Bernett) T Escrety 8 7 12L Charpor	
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4.45 KIMBERLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D)

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Frazer felend (R Flows/YOutBlo)	6-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Indian Arrow (M Pipe/1042b)	7.1	8-1		6-1
Martell Boy (Miss V Williams/10stSib)	7-1	6-1	6-1	8-1
Veillant Warrior (M Hammpoot/Get13fe)	10-1	10-1	10-1	7.1
Cherryraut (P Nicholls/Holts@)	12-1	14-1	16-1	12-
Gleonot (P. Vértiser/11:ss2lb)	14-1	14-1	10-1	. 16-
lection Traction (M Pipe/Hethib) .	18-1	16-1	12.1	94.
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Custwell Laid (P Hobbin/10x/5kg)	16-1	14-1	14-1	14.
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Easy Buck (C Morlock/Tist2b)	20-1	16-1	14-1	16-
Golding Spinner (N Herdescriffst)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-
Back Bar (A L.T Moore(kt)/Be(10th)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-
Ballyline (W Kerro/Sst7kt)	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-
Grittins Bar (Mrs P Stylladalb)	251	20-1	25-1	25-
High Allitade (M Heston-Elia/Rst17lb)	25-1	20-1	16-1	20-
Pumpo Winding (Mass H Knight/DatSth)	. 20-1	20-1	20-1	25-
Do Rightly (M Bradstock/TosCib)	25-1	25-1	20-1	33-
Kilbreet (P Hobbs/Tist/ki)	33-1	25-1	33-1	33-
Nicholas Plant (J Gottleffett (II)	33-1	డ1	75-1	25
Over The Deel (J H Johnson/Sst Rib)	53-1	33-1	25-1	33-
Papiack Lad (N Twiston-Daviss/86090)	25-1	33-1	25-1	40-
River Unehlon (J H Johnson/Batt8fb)	50-1	50-1	40-1	50-
Bendor Mark (M Wikneon/Sat2ts)	66-1	33-1	25-1	40-
Celtic Glant (L Lungo/Bat119)	86-1	50-1	50-1	50-
Fabricator (Nrs A Naughton/Est12kt)	150-1	100-1	68-1	86-
Greenist Raffice (Miss L V Russel/937/b)	100-1	150-1	100-1	150-
Wurding (Mrs. Jame Storey/Bat)	150-1	100-1	700-1	150

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Horse (Trainer)	Corei	William HE	Lectivokes	Total
Xear (A Febru/Fr)	11-6	evens.	5-4	n-10
King Of Kings (A P O'Brian/irl)	6-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Second Empire (A P O'Bristolit)	5-1	8-1	6-1	7-1
Deggere Brawn (H Cecil)	16-1	14-1	16-1	15-1
Tensorisk (R Charlton)	14-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Cectral Park (P Cole)	25-1	25-1	76-1	20-1
Fleetwood (H Cacil)	25-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Heart (J Dunkto)	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Zaya (Seed bin Suroot)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Blotang (P Cols)	25-1	33-1	33-1	33-1

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Horse (fisher)	Corei	William Hill	Laditrologe	Total
Cape Verdi (Seeed bin Suroor)	7-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Embesey (Saeed bin Surcor)	7-1	6-1	6-1	7-1
Loving Claim (Nts C Head/Fr)	16-1	8-1		B-1
Exclusive (M Stoute)	12-1	12-1	12-1	9-1
Albe (H Cecil)	10-1	12-1	10-1	10-1
Anhennist (J Dunlop)	16-1	15-1	20-1	14-1
Crazes Mental (C Haydn Jones)	25-1	25-1	25-1	
Gloronia (L. Cumeril)	25-1	25-1	20-1	20-1
Musical Twist (P Chapple-Hyam)	25-1	25-1		20-1
Woodland Melody (P Chapple-Hyem)	39-1	20-1		33-1
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Cape Verdi (Seeed bin Surcor)	16-1	16-1	16-1
Jibe (H Cecil)	14-1	14-1	
Betr (J Duniop)	18-1	14-1	16-1
Glorosia (L. Cument)	16-1	14-1	20-
Lowing Claim (Mrs C Head/Fr)	15-1	20-1	20-1
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isia Da France (A Fabre/Fr)		<u> 20-1</u>	16-1
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Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill	Lackrokee	_
Second Empire (A P O'Brien/ht)	6-1	5-1		10
Xaar (A Fabre/Fr)	16-1	8-1	5-1	6
City Honours (P Chepple-Hyam)	20 1			10
Floatwood (H Codi)	20-1	20-1	1 5- 1	20-
Saratoga Springs (A P O'Brien/iri)	25 1	18-1	15-1	14
Teapot Row (J Toler)	25-1	20-1	15- 1	25
Mutarogen (A Stewart)		25-1		16
Rabi (E Duniop)	33-1		25 i	20
Third Of Hearts (A Fabre/Fr)	- 33-1	<u> 돌1</u>	25-1	33
Teleknobers (H Cocil)	25-1	33-1		33
	21	25-1	25-1	33
Each-way a quader	the actis, place	3, 1, 2, 8 (Same)	y B.June)	

Nottingham

2.00 Blue Desert 2.30 Saguaro 3.05 Honest Borderer 3.40 Sharp Fellow 4.10 Myttons Mistake 4.45 Desert Fighter 5.15 Alpine Panther

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

STALLS: 6f - stands side: romander - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers usually best for 5f & 6l.

© Left-hand, oval course. Flat and galloping with easy turns.

© Course in 2m E of city of B986. Nottingham station 2m. ADMISSION: Club 514 (Juniors, 16-2) years, \$10); Tottorsale 59 (Juniors, 18-2) years, \$10); Silver Florg & Paddock & CAR PARKS: Flore.

© LEADING TRAINIERS: J Dumlop 77-12 (52%), Mrs J Ramaden 12-84 (143%), M Bell 10-74 (15%), M Channon 9-85 (122%),

LEADING TRAINIERS: J Dumlop 77-12 (52%), Mrs J Ramaden 12-84 (143%), J Red 5-96 (174%), PM Eddory 14-63 (222%).

© FAYOURITES: 25 wins from 629 races (success rate 342%),

BLINIGERED FIRST TIME: Primare (\$15), Trakslor (visored, 200),

Michandra Boy (visored, 305), Divinity (visored, 515).

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1		2.00	WATNALL SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 3YO 1m 54yds
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	2	563.80	RILLE DESERT (146 (CD) S Bowing 9 2
	ũ	A4335	SLIM PRIOR (32) K Burks 82 D Sweeney (3) 8 V
	4	54.005	ALMAYS LUCKY (11) J Peorce 8 ! A Poll (3) 11
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— 11 declared — EETTING: 5-4 Saguaro, 7-2 Alcayde, 9-2 The Wild Widow, Still Waters, 12-1 Fewalis, 14-1 Revolution, 28-1 others

3.40 NEW BASFORD HANDICAP 1 005-22 TREBLE TERM (42) P Maich 9 7 ... W 2 60595 SALART PRINCE (22) J J Quirn 9 7 ... 3 4030 MCHAWK (187) J Durby 8 8 ...

7 Sprake 2	-20 declared -
u, 10-1 Elberree,	Minimum weight: 7el 10th. Thus handlosp weight: Blading Billy 7el 6th. BETTING: 6-1 Michaelt; 7-1 Janual, Sellgo, 6-1 Trabin Term, Ruselan Rome 9-1 Sky Mountain, 19 Ruselan KR Kets, 12 Sky Red, Surgesh, 14 other
STAKES n 54yds	4.10 BAGTHORPE HANDICAP (CLASS E
f R Swinburn 18	1 C1650- MYTTONS MISTAKE (111) (BF) R Hodges 5 to 8 M Roberts
V Siellery 3	2 4800- BEAU VENTURE (119) (D) 5 Palmy 10 10 C T Sprains 1
S Withmarti	8 G400G- FLEADING (140 (D) W MLeach 5 (D.D
Lette Dayer 9 V	4 20000- (VORY DAWN (190) (D) K hory 48 D
M Roberts 2	5 SMIT- MEDDLE EAST (127) (CD) TO Barron 59 8T Quinn 2
H Day 5	6 -03300 ROFFEY SPROLEY (54) (D) R Harren 499, Dame O'Nell 1
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	12 6600-0 ERUPT (67) (D) M British 5 9 2 P Robinson
4, 16-1 Junction	10 246535 MINTE'S DOUBLE (6) (D) Mrs N Miscoultry 4 9 2 J Reid 1
c, 33-1 others	M 0000-5 FRINS IN THE FAMELY (14) (D) G McCourt 8 92
	A Sautholas (7) 8
(CLASS E)	E 00494 GOLD EDGE (1687 (D) E Index 49 1
	10 00004- SAILORMAITE (106) (0) 8 R Bowning 7 8 1
R Swinburn 14	17 631422 ELTON LEDGER (8) (2) Mrs N Macratay 9 90 .P McCaba (3) 2
Lowe	18 40400- OCKER (130) M Tomple's 48 TI D Biggs
7 Quam 7	19 01943- KING UNO (198) (D)(8F) May J Remoder 4 8 11 . C Peace 10
.R Mullen (5) 19	20 4605-6 STEPHENSONS ROCKET (26) R Parky 7 8 5 A Visition (5) 1

5.15 SHIPLEY COMMON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,800 added 1m 6f

4.20 ROYAL STAR & GARTER HOME HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 2m

Minimust: 10st. True Immische might: Dr Rechet 9st 6th, Stenzey 9st 7th. BETTON: 5-2 Perferencehe might: Dr Rechet 9st 6th, Stenzey 9st 7th. 2 Thomas Up. 6-1 Dr Rochet, 16-1 Stenzey

Sandown

2.10 SOVEREIGNS PARADE (nap) 2.40 Headwind 3.15 Archies Oats 3.50 Eulogy 4.20 Sublime Fellow 4.55 True Steel

9 NOUVEAU CHEMA (25) Jurians 8 7 F Lynch 9 Q1 TREE FOR LAGER (25) Jurians 8 7 A McCarthy (5) 2 066 TRAMSLOR (25) R Holiumhad 8 7 Jurians 18 Turriy STAR J Pauce 8 7 Jurians 19 G Bardwell 4

Ilme Fellow 4.55 True Steel

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

● Right-hand course with soft tences and an uphill finish.

● Course is on A307, 4m 8 of Kingston. Esher station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADMGSSON: Cuto Ste. Junior Cuto (17 - 21yra) 121. Grandstand & Paddock 210; Park enclosure SS CAR PARK: Free parking aveilable.

● LEADING TRAINERS: J Gifford 17-146 (16%), J Old 14-50 (25%), N Henderson 14-102 (13.7%), J King 8-41 (19.5%).

● LEADING JOCKEYS: R Darwoody 30-118 (25.4%), M Fitzgerald 14-122 (15%), G Bradley 10-96 (16%), C Llewellyn 8-62 (12.9%).

● FAVOURITES: 136 wins in 368 races (37.2%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Foodbroker Ster (350).

2.10 BOSS GROUP CUSTOMER LOYALTY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 2m

2.40 MOUSETRAP NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) \$5,500 added 2m 41 110yds P3043 CLEVER REMARK (108 J 0.19 1 10 ... C Limedlyn
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P3044 ESECUTIVE UNG (10) (2P) G Hubber 7 11 0 ... Thomson
P4054 ESECUTIVE UND (21) (2P) J Gricel 7 11 0 ... JA McCurely
P5054 CLIMOLL CROSSET (3) E Cairs 3 11 0 ... Gary Lyces
8 6001U4 TAKE MY SIDE (41) (0) (87) M Roberts 5 11 0 ... C Bradley
BETTENQ: 10-11 Headwind, 9-2 Esecutive King, Take My Side, 5-1 LimBed Lightley, 13-2 Clever Remark, 53-1 Octobal Crosset

3.15 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE (CLASS E) 25,000 added 3m 110yds

4 46524 CARRENT ROSE (15) (D) P Southcombe 10 2 9_

BETTING: 5-2 Brass Of Mar, Dark Horsey, 7-2 Archics Oats, 5-1 Magnat-ic Reel, 12-1 Spellington, Cabbery Ross, 29-1 Rying Imp, 33-1 others 3.50 ALANBROOKE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) 27,000 added 3m 110yds

4.55 "UBIQUE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H)
22,000 added 2m 4f 110yds
1 #564 TUDOR RRBLE (xs) (D) C Sweeting 10 28 Mir R Sweeting (7)
2 497222 WILLE MAKET (P10) (D) Mrs A Tory 8 26 L. Mir N G Miller (7)
3 F47222 MILLE MAKET (P10) (D) Mrs A Tory 8 26 L. Mir N Grig (7)
4 50F9FU RUSTIC GENT (D) 8 Lewis 10 12 L. Mir N Ming (7)
5 3/24 RBAL PROGRESS (46) J McConnocte 10 11 2. Mir N Minkey (D)
5 F4422 TRLE STEEL (17) J Tico-Roich 2 11 8 L. Mir J Thus-Roich (5)
7 (10-28 MALT LINE (P3) Mrs P Tumsky 8 11 3 L. Mir P Townsky (7)
7 document -

= 7 dectarret = BETTING: 11-8 True Steel, 3-1 Real Progress, 9-2 Willie Materit, 11-2 Mill O'The Regs, 20-1 Tudor Fabia, 25-1 Mattl Line, Remit: Gent

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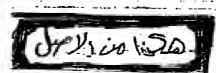
2.20:1. IFISH CREAM (A McCarthy) 10-1;
2. Hamibel Lady 5-1; 3. Bayard Lady 7-1;
9 ran. 6-2 fav Sweitham (4th. 17); 2-6;
Pearus). Tota: \$2.030; \$2.30; \$2.10, \$2.10 DF.
\$2.50:1. SOCREDAR (O Pears 7-2; 2. Berrelite 100-20 fax; 3. Manmar's Boy 11-2 B
can. 1%, 37; (J. L. Bayer) flots: \$2.00; \$ HAMILTON

Results

2160. OF: \$3080. CSF. \$311. Tricest: \$27858. Tric: \$7850.
4.50: 1. TYCOON TENA (A McCarthy) 8-2 (star; 2. Classical Bance 9-2 (star; 2. Classical Bance 9-2) (star; 3. Burlesque 25-1 11 ran. %, 8. (W Brisbourne). Tota: \$550; \$200, \$250, \$450. OF: \$140. GSF. \$2608. Tricest \$404.23. Tric. \$8400. Jackpot: \$30,2390 (part von, pool of \$13,331.29 to Newscast today.) Phacepot: \$7920. Quedpot: \$2500. Place 6: \$22898. Place 5: \$3849.

3/4, 3 (F Murphy), Total 25AC; 22.0, 10.0, 27.30. DF; 21AC. CSF; 22AC; 10AC; 22C), 10AC; 2

This 200; E200 E230 DF ESAU CSP 2205
3.10: 1. DESTINCTIVE DANCE (J Reid)
1-7 Sev; 2. Crystal Craze 16-1; 3. Premier
Baron 5-1.4 rsn. R. 2% (Lord Huntingdon).
Rris: £10. DF; £3.0: CSF £3.47
3.40: 1. MISTER TRICKY (N Dey) 7-2; 2.
Roger Roan 11-2; 3. Chemedi 7-2; 7 rsn. 81 Sev Premy Cuern 114, 2%, (P Micriel). Reis:
£5:00; £2.0: £3.0: DF; £0.0: CSF; £2.25;
4.10: 1. DIGPAST (S Bartheel) 8-1; 2.
Dandy Regent 7-2; 3. The Wyendotis Inn
15-1. 11 rsn. 11-4 fsv Tom Erm. 11-4, 4 (J
Bridger). Rote: £10.0; £100; £100; £5.00. DF
15-400; £5.9: £3.47 five; £5.50. Eshibi, who
finished 2nd, was discussified and placed inst.
4.00: 1. DURABLE GEORGE (A Disk) 161: 2. Blystical 9-2; 3. Goodbys Getermen
9-2. 8 rsn. 1/4, hd. (J Bridger). Rote: £23.70;
£100; £120. £150. DF; £54.70. CSF; £53.02.
Irlesst £5.58.28.
Piscopot. £146.32. Pisco 8: £38.57.



Players should not expect to make a full-time living out of the game



ALAN WATKINS

ON RUGBY

ALL the rugby followers I meet moderation will come together, chance?" This does not matter. are fed up with the continuing and wiser counsels yet prevail." wrangle - more exactly, the blazing row - between Cliff Brittle of the Rugby Football Union and assorted Mr Mon- Football Association and Football arate contract with the RFU - it can survive wholly profeseybags from the leading clubs. The fans think that everything can be sorted out with a little give and take and a hit of goodwill on both sides

is in distinctly short supply. One might as well ask for more of it ian Muslims or between the two from litigation are the lawyers. communities in Northern

Or, as a leading article in the old Manchester Guardian once Instead of "who is Gazza?" he is a sound one. If a conflict can put it: "It is greatly to be hoped may ask: "Who is this Mr Dal- be resolved, it is always better that persons of goodwill and laglio? Is he Italian, by any to resolve it by agreement.

structure on the lines of the League will have to be set up.

I also believe that, where

there is acute controversy about entered into such an agreement

money, and to whom it proper-Goodwill is the commodity that That, after all, is their job. I have among Serbs, Croats and Bosn- who are guaranteed to benefit music and current films.

> know nothing about the game does not bother me in the least.

Wasps, has entered into a sepassuming, for the moment, that sionally even with these subsi-Lawrence Dallaglio has indeed

To pronounce on questions ly belongs, the only people who of this nature no judge needs to This, alas, is the trouble. can resolve matters are judges. have a knowledge of rugby, still less of what is called "ordinary come to this conclusion reluc- life" - which is assumed to contantly, because the only people sist largely of knowing about pop

> Nevertheless, the instinct However, that a judge may that these troublesome matters should, as far as possible, be kept away from the gentlemen in wies

My own view is that things the captain of England, who also present professional form with- ible than those for football; crowd in excess of 30,000. have gone too far, and that some happens to be captain of his club, out huge injections of cash from and Loftus Road is simply too television. It is doubtful whether small. dies. The nearest equivalent is county cricket, which likewise

> level of public support. Last Saturday, for instance, Wasps v Sale at Loftus Road drew an embarrassingly small crowd of 3,500. That number would have fitted, just about. into the club's old ground at

maintains a professional struc-

ture that is not justified by the

sideration, I doubt whether rugby should be played at the Queen's Park Rangers ground

vantage is something else. Wasps v Sale at a neutral ground would probably have resulted in an even lower attendance. But in principle held at such grounds.

The 9,000 at Franklins Gardens for, on the afternoon, the better game of Northampton v Saracens was not much to shout about either. The only English clubs I can think of that would draw five-figure crowds at bome realistic. are Leicester and Bath. In France, by contrast, the cup semi-finals (played on neutral

I was always in favour both

of professionalism and of full The question of home ad-interchangeability between union and league. But by "professionalism" I meant that players should be paid for their trouble, their effort and the disruption of their social life cup semi-finals should surely be not that they should expect to make a full-time living out of the Loftus Road would bave been

> In this respect rugby union has modelled itself on football rather than on the old rugby league, as it should have done

It has modelled itself on football in another respect as well. Chubs have become rich

The fundamental difficulty is at all. There are laws about the grounds, on the Saturday and men's baubles. No doubt All a judge needs to know is that that rugby cannot survive in its size of the playing area, less flex. Sunday) between them draw a the captain of England, who also not be the forces they now are if, respectively, Sir John Hall and Nigel Wray had not invested in them. But I do not think the change is for the good of the

game all the same. This does not mean I support Brittle and Fran Cotton in their attempt to regionalise rugby: far from it. London v North-west at lucky to draw 1,500.

The short-term palliative is a rationalisation of the fixture list, which will mean that the preliminary European matches and, maybe, more matches generally will have to be played in midweek. But the conflict may have gone too far for this remedy to

Super

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Rugby League

THE third season of Super

League received a double boost

yesterday with the announcement

of record prize-money for the

winners and reassurance that

there will be a full complement

The winners of the inaugural

JJB Sports Grand Final at Old

Trafford in October will take

home £275,000, compared with

the £120,000 finishing first was

worth to the Bradford Bulls last

The whole format is differ-

ent this year. "There is no tro-

phy and no prize-money for

finishing first at the end of the

league season," said Super

Maurice Lindsay, at the Old

Traffect launch for the new sea-

making the top five and going

unashamedly on the Australian

system, where the leading five

er, leading to a Grand Final.

Matthew Elliott, the coach

of the defending champions,

who start their defence against

the newcomers of Hudders-

field, this Friday night, wel-

ward to it at Bradford," he

said. "The objective is to make

the top five and then it is a new

competition. It means that your

most important match of the

For Hull, on the other hand,

their most important match this

season could be their first. Lind-

say was able to announce that

the crisis, which saw their chair-

man, David Lloyd, walk out last

week, was over and that the

Sharks were not about to sink.

The clnh's captain, Alan

season is your last one."

"We are really looking for-

comes the change.

That finals series is based . C.

into the finals series."

League's managing director,

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By Chris Hewet:

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Athletics

part share in 19

of 12 teams competing for it.

By Dave Hadfield

Mighty mouth Rios grows in stature

MARCELO RIOS is accustomed to being given a Chile both of which he brings upon himself. Installed yesterday as the first world No 1 from Latin America after defeating Andre Agassi in straight sets in Sunday's final of the Lipton Championships here, he is reckoned to have the best hands and worst mouth since John McEnroe.

Adulated in his homeland since first showing signs of greatness with a tennis racket. the 22-year-old left-bander from Santiago has been known to be rude to autograph hunters and sporting icons alike. No respecter of reputations, nor apparently much else, be has spoken dismissively of Rod Laver and Guillermo Vilas, saying he does not know anything about "those guys with wood rackets", and reportedly told Monica Seles to "move your fat butt" while quening for lunch at Wimbledon.

Even if his initial reign as the top man in the game lasts no longer than a fortnight (Pete Sampras can return to No 1 if he reaches the semi-finals of his next tournament, in Hong Kong), Rios will go into the European clay-court season on a hat-trick for the "Prix Citron". awarded by journalists covering the French Open for noncooperation.

While not exactly advancing the cause of bumanity, the Lemon Drop Kid's behaviour is not necessarily bad for tennis, bearing in mind the media's McEnroe syndrome - Ban McEnroe! (but bring him back next week so we can ban him again). Like McEnroe, Rios would be the nne being told to move his butt were it not for the excellence of his tennis, and he

At the outset of the Lipton Championships, Sports Illustrated, whose noted features on the sport have included "Lendl - The Champion Nobody Wants" and "Is Tennis

John Roberts, in Key Biscayne, Florida, on

protest petition from the rest of article knew what be was going to write before the interview," be said, "So that is fine. I don't care what he wrote."

It must be emphasised that

Henman on the rise Tim Henman is up to No 15 in the latest world rankings following his performance in reaching the serii-finals of the Lipton's Championship in Key Biscayne last Week

1 M Rice (Chie) 3,645 points 2 P Sampras (US) 3,600 3 P Korde (G. Rep) 3,443 7 A Corretta (Sp) 8 J Bjorkman (Swe 9 R Krajicek (Neth) 11 M Chang (US) 12 K Kucera (Slovalo 14 C Pioline (Fr) 15 T Herman (GB) 16 M Philippoueels (Aus) 1,787 17 C Moya (Sp) 19 S Bruguera (Sp) 20 T Enqvist (Swe)

most of the criticism regarding Rios's behaviour concerns his dealings with people off the court. He does not have a history of tantrums during matches.

His aggressive baseline game, reminiscent of Agassi at his best, prompted the New York Times to describe Rios as the "Chilean Agassi". Asked what it was like to play against his clone, the 27-year-old from Las Vegas replied: "I'm not sure if you just insulted me or gave me a compliment. I don't have long hair any more, man."

reception and a chilly reception. Latin America's brattish new tennis No 1

Dying?", described Rios as the ridden umpteen form swings Most Hated Man in Tennis". over the years, has not been the The article did not provoke a most endearing of players in his dealings with termis officials, on the media, and Rios himself the court or off. Obscenities, dismissed it with a shake of his when not muffled by a towel, ponytail as par for the course. have punctuated many of his "I think this guy that wrote the matches, including those which brought him an Olympic Games gold medal in Atlanta. He once publicly referred to the former president of the International Federation, Philippe Chatrier, and his colleagues as "bozos"

> For many tennis followers, Agassi's shortcoming have been overlooked hecause of his charisma and mischievous charm. Rios seems sincere when he says he does not care what people think about him.

Lindsay Davenport, the tail American who is No 2 behind Martina Hingis in the women's game, ventured the view that being No 1 without having won a Grand Slam title was not such a big deal. Rios barely used a backswing in returning the shot. "Winning a Grand Slam is easy for girls," he said. "They should be No 1 really easy."

Agassi, while acknowledging that Rios has risen on merit, declared that: "He'll have to win a Slam this year to be No 1 in the players' eyes and to be No 1 in his own eyes."

Rios pointed out that the tour is played "over a lot of tournaments, not only Grand Slams" and emphasised that he had been "playing all year, trying to improve my ranking".

Tim Henman, the only player to take a set off Rios last week, sides with the Chilean. "Ranking points don't lie," the British No 2 said. "You've got to earn every single one of them. Rios has accumulated the most in the last 12 months. His results speak for themselves. I Agassi, whose popularity has definitely think he deserves it."



Lemon Drop Kid: Marcelo Rios seems unconcerned that he has yet to win a Grand Slam

to brag about his status. "Maybe Larry Stefanki, who regards in this moment I am playing better than anyone, but I don't think the other players have no

chance to beat me," he said. "I don't think of myself [as being] on another level. I don't think like that. I always say that even if you're No 1, you're not really there. You can lose. Everybody has a chance to beat me." Rios's natural talent has ma- the Miami Herald. "We've had

It is not that Rios is inclined tured under the guidance of our moments, but Marcelo is success in the Grand Slams as a priority ("when it's all over, that's what they remember"). Stefanki advised McEnroe during the turbulent one's later years on the regular circuit. "Johnny was, quote unquote, difficult. People said if I could last with McEnroe, I could handle Marcelo," Stefanki told

getting better. He's just turning

into a man "He's not going to be gregarious in the locker-room or act like Bill Clinton. He's very cut and dried. That's why we're still together. Coming from South America and getting thrown into the worldwide spec-

trum can be intimidating." look at the 5ft 9in Rios by the a month.

ing more in America. He has

added the MCI Classic at

Hilton Head to a run that con-

tinues in New Orleans this

week and then the Masters. His

next appearance in Europe will.

be the Benson and Hedges In-

This was Westwood's sev-

enth event in the States and he

has yet to finish below 29th

place. "I like it here, I enjoy quick

greens and the challenge of big

curling putts," he said. "The

hard and fast in the summer."

us at Worksop were always

Importantly, Westwood

seems to be able to learn as he

goes along. "You have got to be

a quick learner out here. They

don't give you a second chance."

ternational in May.

player's agent, Stefanki's im-

mediate reaction was, "this kid is so stinking small." He soon came to see larger qualities when Rios took on the game's big servers. "He loves taking on that challenge," he said. "He's driven inside. People don't see it. There are a lot of layers, and underneath, it burns.

And he does make a point When first asked to take a of smiling in public at least once

over after eight holes of the sec-

over the first couple of rounds.

As at the Open, and the Kem-

per Open, his last win before

Troon, the former US Amateur

champion started the final day

But when he putts as he did

in Ayrshire last July such deficits

are quickly overcome and from

the 10th to the 15th he single-

putted every green. Four were

for birdies and a closing 67 gave

Leonard a two-stroke victory

is in a position to comment on

the stature of the 25-year-old

As an Open winner, Leonard

over Lehman and Glen Day.

Leonard also had to battle

ond round.

five off the lead.

Hunte, repeated the message that all would be well, both for the opening fixture at Sheffield on Sunday and beyond. "The players have had a meeting to clarify a few things and we are 100 per cent behind David Lloyd," he said. "A lot of putting at Bay Hill, but here my people have panicked over temperament has been good. I nothing and there was neger any stuck in even when I was four problem as far as the players

were concerned. "It makes no difference to us whether our contracts are held by the club or by David Bloyd. It will be business as usual and our spectators - who are the most important people in all this - won't notice any difference either.*

. The ambition for the seasoo generally, however, is that the public should notice a difference. The competition will be more beavily promoted than ever and Sky is to put extra technical resources into the televising of the sport.

Salford will impose a life ban on the spectator who attacked the referee, Squart Cuminings, at the end of their Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final defeat by Sheffield on Saturday.

taken into custody after the incident and expected to be charged is shown to be one of their followers, he will never be allowed into The Willows again.

claim of a delegation from the Australian Rugbyk League that they are still owed \$600,000 from the 1995 World Olio, for which

Canon personal copiers

Westwood entranced by America the chance to improve by play-

By Andy Farrell in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Ryder Cup who pointed out that it was probably Nick Faldo who chose to partner Lee Westwood and not the other way round."The great thing was that he did what he was told," Faldo said.

IT WAS Phil Mickelson at the

"If I said 'hit a three-wood down the fairway' he would do it, if I said 'put it on the green' he would do it and if I said 'knock in the putt' he would do that too." Faldo added: "He's doing all right."
Westwood, only 24, keeps

taking strides only marginally smaller than those of a tiger. The latest was his fifth place finish in the US Players' Champi-

finished above him were Open champions in Justin Leonard, Tom Lehman and Mark Calcavecchia. A final-round 69 left cho Mirage, California. Westwood four behind Leonard, the most recent winner at Roy-

After only two events this year Westwood has won \$183,500 (£113,270) and is only \$16,500 (£10,000) away from earning the right to join the US Tour and gain unlimited invitations for

Safe in the knowledge he will qualify for a card next year, Westwood may not join the US Tour for this season and stick to his planned 13 or 14 events. That would prevent a potentially canbarrassingly clash for, at his present rate, he may qualify for the clite 30-man, \$4m Tour Championship, which is scheduled op-

be is the defending champion. But Westwood has already admitted his goal has changed

posite the Volvo Masters, where

from trying to be No 1 on the European money list to taking he said. Tgot frustrated with my

onship here at Sawgrass on Hurst keeps Dobson at bay

It was his debut at the TPC PAT HURST claimed her first score of 281, one stroke better and three of the four players who major championship title on Sunday, having never lost the lead on her way to victory at the Nabisco Dinah Shore in Ran-

Hurst, the 28-year-old former United States Amateur and Collegiate champion, shot Faldo could be seeing a lot a final-round one-under-par 71 more of Westwood in America. to finish with a seven-under

than Britain's Helen Dobson. whose final-round 67 was the lowest of the day. It gave Dobson only the third top-10 finish of her six-year LPGA career.

Another Briton, Laura Davies, produced a score of 68 to finish at five under, used for third place with Sweden's Helen Alfredsson, who shot a 70.

Players' Championship. "There are reasons the majors are rated how they are; their history, the ennes and the importance play-

ers place on them," he said. This is not a major championship but it is definitely in a class just below. The importance the olayers put on this title means this is a special win for me."

Leonard's only problem now the fact that no Players champion has gone on to win the

Masters in the same year. Scores, Digest, page 27 The club says that if the man Lindsay has described the

he was director, as fatuous".

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Knight eager for ultimate test

ONE of the dangers for the ambitious cricketer, now that oneday and Test cricket are seen as entirely different games, is that success at one tends to mark you out as a distinct species, rather than as a sub-species able to survive in both environments.

Specialisation (the term exists for botanists as well as cricket coaches) is a problem with which Nick Knight, last Sunday's man of the match, is only too acutely aware. Notching his third one-day century, an innings that helped England to their eighth one-day victory in a row, Knight is also keen to add to his 11 Test caps, but feels one-day cricket is no longer the stepping stone it. perhaps was in the past.

NV Kright run out 171 min, 130 balls, 13 fours, 4 shas

1A J Stewart b Walsh....... 119 min, 85 balls, 9 fours

G P Thorpe b Smmons. 13 min, 7 belle "A J Holliceles not out _ 34 min, 14 bells, 3 fous

Did not bat: B C Holloske, R O B Croft, D R Brown, OW Headley.

Bowling: Rose 6-0-51-0 (one spell): Wishin 10-0-57-1 (7-0-42-0, 3-0-15-1); Ambrose 8-0-42-0 5-0-8-0, 3-0-34-0); Hosper 10-0-0-0 (nb) (one spell): Lowis 8-0-55-1 (3-0-34-0, 5-0-31-1), Shumons 8-0-58-2

ENG! AND

England's swashbuckling opener wants another chance to prove his five-day worth. Derek Pringle reports from Bridgetown

"They are very different bristling with the likes of Curtforms of cricket now," said the left-hander, who has taken Michael Atherton's place as opener. "I know these games get me back in the shop window, but I haven't approached it with Tests in mind. As far as I'm concerned, it's just good to be back involved and the most important thing for me now isto do well."

Knight does not wear his modesty well, and why should he. His 122 against an attack

C L Hooper a Headley b Fle 61 min, 34 balls, 6 foers

P V Simmons b A Hollosks 31 min, 29 bells, 2 fours

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S Chanderpaul c Knight b Grott 15 min, 12 balls, 1 four

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First one-day international scoreboard

Knight's 50: 57 min, 49 bells, 7 fours, 2 sisters, 100: 196 min, 53 bells, 10 fours, 190: es, 100: 196 min, 110 bells, 11 fours, 3 sisters, 125 min, 97 bells, 13 fours, 3 sisters, 125 min, 98 bells, 10 fours, 10 bells, 10 bells, 10 fours, 10 bells, 10 bell

ly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh left many exultant, and Bob Willis - one of those to witness Viv Richards' brutal 189 at Old Trafford from as close as 22 vards - hailed it as one of the hest limited-over knocks he had ever seen. For the majority of players

there is no real lasting pleasure from one-day heroics, and only the World Cop - and then only if you reach the final - possesses anything like the kudos of a Test

Knight knows this, and following last winter's tour of Zimhabwe and New Zealand, which saw his technique disintegrate almost as badly as his left index finger (he still has six pins holding it together) has set about rehabilitating himself. In such simutions, broken digits are often healed sooner than bad habits, such as Knight's proclivity to dabble with, rather than leave, balls just outside his off

"Fin worded about this word technique" that flies around. I'm aware that I'm not the perfect technician, but I work at it. Everybody has to constantly update their technique, but it doesn't happen overnight or just by clicking your fingers."

Like Affecton did last antumn, Knight has been having one-to-one sessions with Graham Goodi, his former captain at Essex, and more recently the manager of the England A tour to Kenya and Sri Lanka, captained by Knight.



Highly honoured: Nick Knight's innings of 122 against West Indies has drawn comparisons with Viv Richards at his best Photograph: Ross Secford/Empics

sessions and they've been a frame.' great help. Deep down, though, I know I've got to go back to Warwickshire this sum-

"I've had three or four runs first to put me in the ally know how good you are going to be. You just keep trying

Before that happens, he has four more one-day internationals in the Caribbean, including mer and score runs in the another at the Kensington Oval, Championship. Although I scene of that marvellous hunprefer to open, I'll bat any- dred. Indeed, could his where for England, but peed hlitzkrieg even be topped?

miss FA Cup semi-final ley players have been banned Football from Oakwell indefinitely.

By Catherine Riley

ARSENAL are facing a striking problem in their quest for the double as Ian Wright may be joining Dennis Bergkamp in the stands not only for tonight's trip to Bolton but also for Sunday's FA Cup semi-final.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, had hoped that, with Bergkamp beginning a three-match suspension, Wright would play in the reserves tonight and then be fit for the match against Wolves at Villa Park.

However, the striker's groin injury is proving hard to heal and he is only given a 10 per cent chance of playing on Sunday. However, Arsenal will have Emmanuel Petit and possibly Steve Bould back from injury for tonight's match.

Arsenal's opponents at the Reebok Stadium will also have to make a choice between strikers, but for a different reason and Bolton's record signing, Dean Holdsworth, looks to be the one who will lose out. Holdsworth was substituted during Saturday's 2-0 win over Leicester and, if top scorer Nathan Blake passes a fitness test, he will be preferred alongside on-loan Bob Taylor.

Barnsley have appealed to their fans for good behaviour during tonight's game at Blackburn following Saturday's pitch invasion during the defeat by Liverpool. The club said yesterday that those arrested for invading the pitch after referee Gary Willard had seot off two Barns-

Middlesbrough's Craig Hignett may leave the Riverside unless he receives more moncy. Hignett's contract expires in June and, although he said he does not want to leave the club, he feels he deserves a better offer. He also said yesterday that the actions of Paul Gascoigne - who kept him out of Sunday's Coca-Cola Cup final team - in giving him his loser's medal was

one of the most unselfish acts

I have come across in football". Southampton's Carlton Palmer has lost his appeal against a one-match ban after, being found guilty of misconduct; following the FA Cup defeat at Derby, while Chelsea's plea for European justice for Gianfranco Zola has been rejected by Uefa, who said yesterday that his controversial yellow card in the quarter-final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup against Real

Betis will not be rescinded. Attilio Lombardo has ordered his Crystal Palace players . into a strict boot camp in Italy. The Premiership's bottom club leave today for three days intensive work at a special camp at Desenzano, in northern Italy. used by clubs such as Juventus and Internazionale.

Scotland's 30 lower-division clubs appear to be moving towards o oew two-division set-up next season. Following a meeting of the League management, committee, represcolatives have advocated a larger First Division of 12 clubs with an expanded Second Division of 18.

Bristol upgrade caretaker coaches after Ashton slips net

Rugby Union

P A Wellace c Hick b Brown 14 min, 12 bells, 3 fount

By Chris Hewett

BRIAN ASHTON spent his playing days as a tough-minded terrier of a scrum-half rather than an elusive stand-off with a part share in Phil Bennett's treasure chest of rugby trickery. He did possess a decent sidestep, though, and he dusted it off yesterday to escape the eager clutches of Bristol, who wanted the unemployed sage of mid-Somerset to mastermind an

a apparently hopeless eleventhhom attement to salvage some in credibility.

Man of the match: N V Kright. Adjustic

ENGLAND WON BY 16 BUNG.

Ashton was wined, dined, counted and propositioned by the try game, but they could not constitute a team for the future." quite manage to sweet-talk him.

Bristol chief executive, we have been was select three weeks ago. They have been searching for an is shown by Danyl and failen giants of the West Coun- David and we are happy that they

Lewis made no reference to Yesterday, Bristol announced Ashton, the former Bath tactithat their existing caretaker cian who resigned his full-time coaches, Danyl Jones and David - coaching post with the Irish na-Egerton, would continue on a tional team after last month's permanent, part-time basis. Five Nations defeat by Scotland. "We had more than 20 ap- He was a prime target for Bristion, some of them from the terly disappointed at their

pleased with the attitude and will- Not that Jones, who will take outside-half to replace Michael OUT THE LOSE OF CITIES COSCU MITT Egerton as his assistant, is entirely

lacking in the track record department. The popular Weishman guided Neath to only their second national title in 1996 and has at least generated some much-needed enthusiasm among the dispirited Bristol playing staff since pitching up at the plications for the coaching posi- tol, though, and they will be bit- Memorial Ground in January. Meanwhile, the cup finalists

Lynagh, who retires in May, and after negotiations with Neil Jenkins, the Welsh Lion, and inquiries about Hennie le Roux, the former Springbok, they have looked on the far side of the Channel.

Thomas Castaignède, the because he would cost too much, so the obvious candidates and his extravagantly gifted Ar- don Irish, steps up.

gentinian club-mate, Lisandro Arbizast on months of the 'Cfive Woodward and his fel-

"I don't think you ever re-

improve. Sunday's knock

probably was one of my best.

But I'll keep working in the

hope that there's more, and bet-

ter to come, in all forms of the

low England selectors were checking of the limess of Lawrence Dallaglio, Kyran Bracken, Phil Vickery and David Rees before naming their side to face Ireland in this weekend's Five Nations finale at Twickenham. The Irish will be without current French stand-off, is out the centre Rob Henderson, who damaged a groin muscle during Wasps' cup semi-final victory are Alain Penaud, of Brive. over Sale. Mark McCall, of Lon-

Italians on course for final

INTERNAZIONALE and and were runners-up last sen-Lazio are on course to meet in the fourth all-Italian Uefa Cup final in the last nine years.

With Juventus going strong in the Champions' Cup and Vicenza in the semi-finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup, Italy could claim all three titles to provide a boost to the oation's World Cup chances in the summer.

In the Ucfa Cup tonight, Inter entertain Spartak Moscow while Lazio travel to Atletico Madrid.

Italians clubs have dominated the Uefa Cup to such an extent over the last decade that 11 of them have reached the last title. Inter won in 1991 and 1994,

Tonight, loter's Argentinian midfielder Diego Simeone. is suspended, as is their winger Francesco Moriero. The defender Fabio Galante is injured while the Portuguese midfielder Paolo Sousa and another defeoder. Mauro M both ineligible.

In Spain, Lazio will be without two defenders: the Italian international Alessandro Nesta, who is suspended, and Giuseppe Pancaro, who is injured. Giovanni Lopez or Alessandro Grandoni will replace Nesta, while the Argentinian defender nine finals and six have woo the Jose Chamot will start in place of Pancaro.

Sporting Digest Athletics

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Equestrianism International terminism that place at four shows this year: the Suffolk County (27 Mey), the Nations Cup Show at fickstead (9 July), the New Forest and Hampeine Show (30 July) and the Hickstead Derby meeting (20 August). The top three horse and rider combinations will automatically be selected for the squad of the that competes at the World Equestrian Games an Rome in October. Football

Mick Brown has resigned as chief scout with Blackburn Rovers and is set to join Mainchester United in a similar back-room capacity. It will mark a re-turn to Old Trafford for Brown, who was author Utd Trafford for Brown, who was assistant manager with United under Ron Atkinson.

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James Beattis, the 20-year-old strik-er, has agreed a contract extension with Blackburn until 2000.

Sunderland will increase the capaci-ty of the Stadium of Light by a further 5,000 should they return to the Pre-mership at the end of the season. Englands Paul Durkin has been ap-pointed as the referee for the Uela Cup semi-tinal first leg between Attetico Medrid and Lazio. Mark Warren and Philip Sharp have been named as-sistant raterees with Gary Willard acting as fourth official. The Portuguese winger Luis Bolinhas has returned home to his club Espin-ho after a one-week trial with South-

(Cornel 12)

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NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE Fishure changes: Ph 10 Apr. Wycomba v Gitteby (ficor 11 Apr.). The 14 Apr. Queen's Park Rangers v Chrisd Up!, Lucor v Cresterfield, Bournersouth v Walsall (from 13 Apr.).

lan Woosnern is to design a world-class golf course near the Great Wall of China as part of the Yin Shi Pu Coun-

ice hockey

NHL: Ottowe 1 Phteburgh 1; Ploride 4 Chicago 0; Philadelphia 3 Carolina 1; Debolt 4 Buffulo 2; Dallas 3 New Jersey 1. ice skating British's Steven Cousins quelified in seventh place in his group for tomorrow's short programme at the World Championships in Minneapolis.

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Rovers have signed the Halifax Blue
Sox forward Paul Highton on a month's
loan. Rovers have also signed 17-yearold forward Chris Spurr from Featherstone Llons amateur club.

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mind about retiring from the Alpine
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By Nick Harris THE ORGANISERS of the next European Champiouship finals in two years' time are pledging to make tickets much to 50,000, will go to spousors. more freely available to ordinary supporters.

Forty per cent of the tickets for Euro 2000, which will be football's governing body, and jointly hosted by the Netherlands and Belgium, are likely to the 16-nation tournament in autumn go on sale across Europe this autumn on a first-come firstserved basis, with many likely to be sold via the Internet.

be made available to fans of allocated only to the French - ic allocation in favour of Beleach competing team per a tickets-only basis rather than as part of travel packages. The remaining 10 per cent of tickets for the tournament, which will be played in stadiums with capacities ranging from 30,000

The moves are being considered by Uefa, European the organising committee for direct response to the criticisms of ticket sales for this summer's World Cup in France.

which the European Commisgame, with nearly all sales on sion says is in contravention of European law - and many competing countries are unhappy with their small allocations of

> The qualifying competition for Euro 2000 begins this summer and will end in the autumn of 1999, when the draw for the finals will be made. However, the dates and venues for finals matches will be aumounced this

Although it is expected that many of the freely available 40

gian and Dutch fans.

For France 98, more than 60 per cent of tickets have been reper cent for competing sides, 14.2 per cent to sponsors and over five per cent to tour op-

British fans, tempted by the close proximity of the Euro 2000 venues, are likely to buy tickets before the finalists are confirmed, knowing they will still be guaranteed a chance to watch Europe's largest football tournament even if their side is not playing in games they pur-

"It is a tremendously com-

ticketing committee, said of tickets to French residents, the ticket plans. He added that there is no chance that those alserved for French citizens, 16 he is fully aware of the problems encountered by the World Cup's French Organising Committee (CFO), which is trying to please fans (who want access to tickets), governments (who want security guarantees), and the European Commission (which demands that tickets be sold uniformly within Europe). The CFO has also had to fol-

Despite the European Com-

low guidelines laid down by

Fifa, football's world governing

plex procedure," Ernie Walker, CFO's decision to sell more the chairman of the Euro 2000 than 60 per cent of France 98 ready sold will be recalled for fairer distribution. At best, it is expected that the CFO will release a small amount of extra tickets, estimated at a few hundred per team for the group stage games, for general sale in the next two weeks. Walker said: "We'll address

the issue of equal access to tickets for Euro 2000] rather than come up with the same kind of situation that we see

mission's legal challenge to the will also make as many tickets eral approach would be we

as possible available directly to fans at face value, without being expensively tied to organised packages. For France 98, there are 17 authorised tour operators world-wide who have control over the distribution of over five per cent of France 98 tickets, an average of more than 2,000 tickets per game. Fans buying tickets through these agents in Britain will be

£15 and £35. "Uefa prefers not to have rickets linked to travel packages The Euro 2000 organisers at all," said Walker. "Our gen-

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the hands of genuine fans."

He added that Uefa would not directly give control of any tickets to travel agents. Only when the national federations choose to market their tickets through agents will a profitmaking middle-man be used but Uefa expects most national federations will choose to sell most tickets directly to fans at face value

paying at least £600 per game No date has yet been confirmed for when Euro 2000 tickets will be put oo sale, but it is expected that full details of all arrangements, and the programme for Euro 2000 games.

be sold via the Internet. A further 25 per cent would tickets for France 98 have been bought by fans in the host countries, there will no specif-Arsenal provide example for Hodgson revival

THE Blackburn Rovers mangiven up hope of finishing as runners-up in the Premiership and claiming the second Champions' League place despite seeing his charges take just four points from their last 18 matches.

Displaying the same reluctance to throw in the towel as tonight's relegation-haunted opponents Barnsley, Hodgson insists that there are points aplenty to be garnered from their remaining nine games against Manchester United and Arsenal.

Rovers have not played since their 1-0 defeat at Everton on 14 March and Hodgson claims they are refreshed after the break. "We still have to play both Manchester United and Arsenal at home and until those games have taken place I be-

MANCHESTER UNITED yes-

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in the Premiership, well beyond

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lieve I have every right to live are being talked about as poin hope," he said.

Our realistic goal at the start of the season when I first ager, Roy Hodgson, still has not came here was to get a Uefa Cup place. That would be some achievement, but I am not prepared to write us off in terms of doing even better than that.

"We've had a long break; it's a bit like starting a new season but we now have nine very important games, starting against Barnsley.

"Football is very unpredictable, you only have to take a look at what happened with Arsenal When we beat them stood no chance of winning anything and on that particular afternoon lan Wright was in trouble due to the anger and discontent of their supporters.

"It just goes to show how things can change as now they

As Sharp signed a two-year

United announced an 11 per cent

rise in profits before transfer fees

to £17.5m for the six months to

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tential champions."

Rovers welcome back the Scotland striker Kevin Gallacher after suspension and a leg injury, but Damien Duff is doubtful with throat ulcers. Duff. who won his first full cap for the Republic of Ireland last week, will have a fitness check.

Hodgson hopes Duff will come through and he is likely to partner Gallacher alongside Chris Sutton, probably at the expense of the Swedish international Martin Dahlin.

Meanwhile, the Wimbledon including home matches 3-1 [at Highbury] before his side need six points from their manager, Joe Kinnear, believes Christmas people were talking remaining nine games to secure of Arsenal and club with massive problems. People said they ready to claim three when they play host to Newcastle tonight.

Kinnear said: "We know what we have got to do: L'ast season Sunderland were relegated on 40 points. Three more points would give us 38 and one more win would make it 41, so it is a big week for us with Bolton coming up next Saturday.

Most of the sides in and around us in the table had results which went for us on Satterday unveiled their latest plans deal, worth more than £6m, to urday with Everton, Barnsley continue its shirt sponsorship, and Crystal Palace getting beaten so it was not too bad for us, despite our defeat at Manchester United."

Kinnear added: "As for the opposition I don't really look into what is happening at other clubs although Newcastle have £67m worth of talent and it is going to be a tough game



Finalists left with no tickets

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

ENGLISH rugby has spent the past two years tearing itself apart, so it should not have come as any great surprise vesterday when the committeeroom politicians proved unable to organise a simple Twickenham cup final without provoking a public punch-up with the competing clubs. Nevertheless, Saracens and Wasps were both flabbergasted when the Rugby Football Union refused to hand over tickets for sale at their respective box offices.

Both sides have been granted an allocation of 15,000 tickets, but their supporters will have to go via Twickenham rather than pop along to Vicarage Road or Loftus Road. "The RFU management board 'has decided to distribute the tickets from a sole source for administrative and logistical reasons," said a spokesman for the tonion. "The aim is to ensure that the financial proceeds from the final can be distributed more quickly and efficiently to the 122 clubs who took part."

that satisfied either of the finalists, who were planning on using ticket sales to underpin major public relations initiatives in their Watford and west London catchment areas. "Unbelievable," said Geoff Huckstep, the Wasps chief executive. "A club needs to use the distribution of cup final tickets to heighten its profile and develop its image."

chief executive, also said the contracts for the Neville brothclub hoped to expand Old Trafers, while discussions with David ford, already the largest ground Beckham, Paul Scholes and

Nicky Butt are ongoing.

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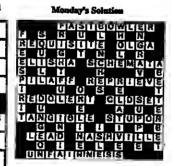
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Tyson gets to grips with \$4m in the ring of make-believe

IF SPORT is theatre, then pro wrestling is its pantomime. But does that really make Mike

Tyson an ugly sister? On Sunday night at the Fleet Center, Boston, some 19,000 Americans welcomed the former heavyweight boxing champion into the wild and wacky world of the World Wrestling Federation at the WrestleMa-

nia XIV extravagan A freak show for a freak? A safe haven for a misfit? Preferable, at least, to the Indiana prison where Tyson served three years for rape. And also to boxing, it seems. "Twe been screwed there, but at least I haven't been screwed here," said Tyson, who refused to discuss his former field of excellence.

Beggars cannot be choosers. And for Tyson, who has discovered a huge hole in his bank account caused by alleged carecr mismanagement, it is a case of any port in a storm. And nothing Tyson does surprises anymore. Wrestling? Why not? It is a well paid job and at least no one gets hurt.

Tyson boosted his bank balance by some \$4m (£2.4m) through serving as an enforcer - WWF-speak for an official for the match between the organisation's heavyweight champion, "Heartbreak Kid" Shawn Michaels and blue-collar crowd favourite "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, aka "The Texas Rattlesnake", "The Toughest SOB in the WWF", and so on and so forth.

Tyson, contractually obliged, one supposes, has been taking part in WWF promotions over the past two months and his levGlyn Leach reports from Boston on a boxing legend's

entry into the wacky world of wrestling el of performance, if it could be called that, has improved sig-

nificantly by the big night. But his efforts could hardy be called Wrestling is a world of herocs and heels; guess what role Tyson was cast in? Introduced

as the "Baddest Man on the Planet", he entered the arena to a crescendo of boos and catcalls. Doing his best to milk the crowd's displeasure, he climbed mto the ring prior to the main event's start and sneered a lot, which presumably was enough to please the WWF.

When the Austin-Michaels bout began, Tyson strolled around ringside, ostensibly attempting to keep order.

One sensed that the crowd, if not the WWF, expected more. There were attempts to goad the boxer into meaningful participation, but chants of "Holyfield, Holyfield" did not cut the mustard and for long periods it looked as though he was surplus to requirements. In short, he succeed all the way to the bank.

His boxing licence, suspended until July due to last year's savage biting of Evander Holyfield's ear, Tyson could hardly af-ford to turn the job down. And the WWF needs Tyson. as much as he access them.

ratings war with its rival group, World Championship Wrestling and many of its biggest names have descrited, including veteran star Hulk Hogan.

Wrestling embraces rebirth which must be attractive to Tyson. Austin, for one, has previously been billed as "The Ringmaster" and "Stunning Steve before finding an identify that worked.

It is also OK to be confused. An ideal home, in fact, for a faded and jaded 32-yearold boxer who has been a Catholic, a Baptist and is currently a Fruit of Islam. The original script had Tyson

fighting Austin, but that was amended to have the boxer act as an enforcer for the main bout. However, and much to the "consternation" of WWF owner Vince McMahon, Tyson

aligned with DeGeneration X. an outlawed wrestling faction comprising Michaels and other wrestlers with miscreant at-D-X rules the WWF. Or

did until Austin defeated Michaels by a pin fall But guess what? Tyson was never one of them anyway. He was in cahoots with Austin all along. It simply had to be that way

because the impressively athletic Michaels, easily the best strot man/actor on show, was the only wrestler who could be relied on to make Tyson look convincing when the time finally came for Iron Mike to throw a "punch". Down went Michaels as though poleazed. One could almost believe claims that Michaels had suffered two ruptured discs. Well, almost.

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